

Review of: "Donald Davidson's Theory of Action in Relation to Responsibility: Addressing Crisis of Social Development in Africa"

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The manuscript attempts to explain the situation of crisis of social development in Africa, within the framework of the 'Theory of action in relation to responsibility'. In this sense they conclude that the situation can be blamed on Africans. In fact the independence of most African countries is occurred more than half century ago, so the authors acknowledge that the reality is originated by the actions of the last two generations of Africans, and do not follow the easy path of attributing the misfortunes always to others: that's the politician's job. In fact, in many parts of the world,, present woes are always attributed to others; in happens in several American countries where coups, embezzlement of public funds, corruption, murders (as we have seen these days) ... originate poverty and misery in potentially rich countries. Many examples could be presented. The manuscript is well structured, but, in my opinion, even if has a philosophical orientation, some figures could have been added, with examples of the situation 50 years ago of countries with a similar levels of development and potential, and how they have differently fared today. Most of these issues were introduced nearly 250 years ago by Adam Smith. As Lord Kelvin pointed, 'if you can not measure something, little you know about it', so some practical examples with data could have been added to support Davidson theories. As a summary, the manuscript could be accepted, and, if the authors consider some of these questions, they could add some economic and social data of some countries that have evolved differently.