

# Review of: "Okolo on the Question of African Philosophy and its Periodization"

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I have read all the comments very carefully, and, I am concerned first and foremost about the derogatory manner of their qualifications, not to say their Europeanising, anti-African prejudices, despite their incoherent praise for it. I think the authors should stick to their purpose, for, the real value of the work lies in answering, "Why should African philosophy, an expression of African wisdom, be a product of African-European contact?" Insofar as the concept of "being" implies the "facticity of existence". Therein lies "Okolo's weak points", and "hence the position that philosophy has always existed" not only in Africa but in all peoples, cultures and societies unlike Greece, the West or Europe. It is a pity that fashionable philosophy, misnamed academic philosophy, no longer operates with concepts, as Nietzsche said, and has become poetry, as a set of arguments to defend modern myths. For, as Hegel said, the history of philosophy is the history of ideas, the evolution of thought, the development of the "concept".