

***What is a Nation? Clarifying Misconceptions Concerning Nationhood in Developing Countries* (Nairobi, All Merchandise Co. Ltd. 2005).**

ABSTRACT

The frequent use of the term ***nation*** in public pronouncement by political leadership in Kenya and elsewhere has led to what seems to be a misconception as to the real meaning of this term. Some of these pronouncements often seem either to equate ***nation*** with ***state*** or give the impression that the different nationalities (tribes) that have come together under one government have automatically become one nation. This book has attempted to bring together, analyze, compare and contrast the ideas of some of the philosophers who have written much on the meaning of a ***nation*** so as to clarify the misconceptions and help eliminate the consequent misuse of this term.