

Odera Oruka's Account of the Foundation of Human Rights: A Critique

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Abstract

While H. Odera Oruka is best known for his views on sage philosophy, he spent a considerable portion of his philosophical career agonizing over the question of human rights. The present paper argues that there is need for further philosophical reflection on Oruka's account of the foundation of human rights with a view to refining it.

Key Words

Odera Oruka, human rights, human minimum, liberty