

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910586578303321
Autore	Lougheed Kirk
Titolo	African Communitarianism and the Misanthropic Argument for Anti-Natalism / / by Kirk Lougheed
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Cham : , : Springer International Publishing : , : Imprint : Palgrave Macmillan, , 2022
ISBN	9783031118517 9783031118500
Edizione	[1st ed. 2022.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (100 pages)
Disciplina	361 307
Soggetti	Bioethics Social sciences - Philosophy Philosophy Social Philosophy World Philosophy
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Chapter 1: Introduction -- Chapter 2: What is African Communitarianism? -- Chapter 3: Benatar's Misanthropic Argument for Anti-Natalism -- Chapter 4: African Communitarianism and Benatar's Misanthropic Argument for Anti-Natalism -- Chapter 5: Conclusion.
Sommario/riassunto	"Dr Lougheed's book is a brave attempt at finding some justification for anti-natalism within the context of African communitarianism. His attempt will surely elicit a lot of debate from African philosophers." — Dr Aribiah David Attoe, University of the Witwatersrand Anti-natalism is the provocative view that it is either always or almost always all-things-considered wrong to procreate. Philanthropic anti-natalist arguments say that procreation is always impermissible because of the harm done to individuals who are brought into existence. Misanthropic arguments, on the other hand, hold that procreation is usually impermissible given the harm that individuals will do once brought into existence. The main purpose of this short monograph is to demonstrate that David Benatar's misanthropic argument for anti-natalism ought to be endorsed by

any version of African Communitarianism. Not only that, but there are also resources in the African philosophical tradition that offer unique support for the argument. Given the emphasis that indigenous African worldviews place on the importance of procreation and the immediate family unit this result is highly surprising. This book marks the first attempt to bring anti-natalism into conversation with contemporary African ethics. Kirk Lougheed is Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Faith and Human Flourishing at LCC International University. He is also a Research Associate at the University of Pretoria.
