



# Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures)

By Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o

Download now

Read Online ➔

## Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o

A masterful writer working in many genres, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o entered the East African literary scene in 1962 with the performance of his first major play, *The Black Hermit*, at the National Theatre in Uganda. In 1977 he was imprisoned after his most controversial work, *Ngaahika Ndeenda (I Will Marry When I Want)*, produced in Nairobi, sharply criticized the injustices of Kenyan society and unequivocally championed the causes of ordinary citizens. Following his release, Ngũgĩ decided to write only in his native Gikuyu, communicating with Kenyans in one of the many languages of their daily lives, and today he is known as one of the most outspoken intellectuals working in postcolonial theory and the global postcolonial movement.

In this volume, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o summarizes and develops a cross-section of the issues he has grappled with in his work, which deploys a strategy of imagery, language, folklore, and character to "decolonize the mind." Ngũgĩ confronts the politics of language in African writing; the problem of linguistic imperialism and literature's ability to resist it; the difficult balance between orality, or "orature," and writing, or "literature"; the tension between national and world literature; and the role of the literary curriculum in both reaffirming and undermining the dominance of the Western canon. Throughout, he engages a range of philosophers and theorists writing on power and postcolonial creativity, including Hegel, Marx, Lévi-Strauss, and Aimé Césaire. Yet his explorations remain grounded in his own experiences with literature (and orature) and reworks the difficult dialectics of theory into richly evocative prose.

↓ [Download Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing \( ...pdf](#)

📄 [Read Online Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing ...pdf](#)



# Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures)

By Ngugi wa Thiong'o

**Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures)** By Ngugi wa Thiong'o

A masterful writer working in many genres, Ngugi wa Thiong'o entered the East African literary scene in 1962 with the performance of his first major play, *The Black Hermit*, at the National Theatre in Uganda. In 1977 he was imprisoned after his most controversial work, *Ngaahika Ndeenda (I Will Marry When I Want)*, produced in Nairobi, sharply criticized the injustices of Kenyan society and unequivocally championed the causes of ordinary citizens. Following his release, Ngugi decided to write only in his native Gikuyu, communicating with Kenyans in one of the many languages of their daily lives, and today he is known as one of the most outspoken intellectuals working in postcolonial theory and the global postcolonial movement.

In this volume, Ngugi wa Thiong'o summarizes and develops a cross-section of the issues he has grappled with in his work, which deploys a strategy of imagery, language, folklore, and character to "decolonize the mind." Ngugi confronts the politics of language in African writing; the problem of linguistic imperialism and literature's ability to resist it; the difficult balance between orality, or "orature," and writing, or "literature"; the tension between national and world literature; and the role of the literary curriculum in both reaffirming and undermining the dominance of the Western canon. Throughout, he engages a range of philosophers and theorists writing on power and postcolonial creativity, including Hegel, Marx, Lévi-Strauss, and Aimé Césaire. Yet his explorations remain grounded in his own experiences with literature (and orature) and reworks the difficult dialectics of theory into richly evocative prose.

## **Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngugi wa Thiong'o Bibliography**

- Sales Rank: #1023018 in Books
- Published on: 2014-05-20
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.00" h x .40" w x 5.40" l, .40 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 120 pages

 [Download Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing \(...pdf\)](#)

 [Read Online Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing ...pdf](#)



**Download and Read Free Online Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngugi wa Thiong'o**

---

**Editorial Review**

Review

Globalectics allows us to read world literature through Ngugi's sharp and compassionate eyes. Part memoir, part magisterial survey, and entirely engrossing, this book is a capstone to a long and brilliant career.

(Christopher L. Miller, Yale University)

In an ever-shrinking world, this book demonstrated the need to understand the similarities and differences in the stories we tell each other.

(*Publishers Weekly*)

Ngugi's writing style seamlessly blends personal narratives with complex theoretical discussions, taking the reader on a journey that combines his indisputable literary skills with an acute awareness of the theoretical landscape.

(Annika Hughes *ID: International Dialogue*)

*Globalectics* is an outstandingly succinct, grounded, and wide-reaching study that will be of interest, and an inspiration, to many scholars, especially those working and teaching in the fields of globalization and of postcolonial and comparative literary studies.

(Erica Lombard *MODERN LANGUAGE REVIEW*)

Review

*Globalectics* is a stunning addition to Ngugi wa Thiong'o's creative and theoretical interventions in world culture. Basing his thought as always in personal experience of creating and teaching literature, he makes a powerful plea for understanding the fictive imagination via real, sensuous experience in all its global places. Turning to Hegel to argue that the 'bondsmen' emerges stronger than the master from that oppressive relationship, Ngugi wa Thiong'o argues brilliantly that orature, and 'cyborature,' are making new transcultural connections across the myriad 'centers,' or knots, of the worldwide net of cultures.

(Timothy Reiss, author of *Against Autonomy: Global Dialectics of Cultural Exchange*)

Brilliant essays that demonstrate the transformative power of postcolonial cosmopolitanism. *Globalectics* as a method of reading rescues world literature from the distortions of its imperial past and transforms it into a mode of sharing, a gift to all of humanity. This is vital pedagogy for a new generation and a beautiful book.

(Susan Buck-Morss, Cornell University and the Graduate Center, City University of New York)

A monumental book, reminding us of the internationality of Pan-African postcolonialism and radiating out to a complete rethinking of the stakes of a world literature today. The teaching of the literature of English is spatio-temporally situated with theoretical and practical brilliance. The final discussion of orature has instructed this reader in ways that cannot be contained within a brief comment.

(Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Columbia University)

#### About the Author

Ngugi wa Thiong'o is Distinguished Professor of Comparative Literature and English at the University of California, Irvine, and an award-winning Kenyan author currently writing primarily in the Gikuyu language. The author of novels, plays, short stories, and essays, Ngugi wa Thiong'o is founder and editor of the online Gikuyu-language journal, *Mutiiri*, and an honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. His most recent books include *Dreams in a Time of War: A Childhood Memoir*; *Decolonising the Mind*; *Something Torn and New*; and the novels *The River Between*, *Petals of Blood*, and *Wizard of the Crow*, among others.

## Users Review

### From reader reviews:

#### Frank Monroe:

Often the book *Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing* (The Wellek Library Lectures) will bring someone to the new experience of reading some sort of book. The author style to explain the idea is very unique. Should you try to find new book to study, this book very appropriate to you. The book *Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing* (The Wellek Library Lectures) is much recommended to you to see. You can also get the e-book from official web site, so you can quicker to read the book.

#### Jennifer Crawford:

Are you kind of hectic person, only have 10 or even 15 minute in your day to upgrading your mind ability or thinking skill even analytical thinking? Then you are experiencing problem with the book than can satisfy your short space of time to read it because this all time you only find e-book that need more time to be learn. *Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing* (The Wellek Library Lectures) can be your answer since it can be read by you actually who have those short extra time problems.

#### David McClure:

Beside this kind of *Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing* (The Wellek Library Lectures) in your phone, it can give you a way to get more close to the new knowledge or info. The information and the knowledge you will got here is fresh from the oven so don't end up being worry if you feel like an older people live in narrow commune. It is good thing to have *Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing* (The Wellek Library Lectures) because this book offers for your requirements readable information. Do you at times have book but you would not get what it's facts concerning. Oh come on, that will not happen if you have this in your hand. The Enjoyable arrangement here cannot be questionable, like treasuring beautiful island. So do you still want to miss that? Find this book along with read it from right now!

**Jerry Bell:**

A lot of e-book has printed but it is different. You can get it by world wide web on social media. You can choose the most beneficial book for you, science, comedian, novel, or whatever by simply searching from it. It is referred to as of book Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures). You can contribute your knowledge by it. Without causing the printed book, it might add your knowledge and make anyone happier to read. It is most crucial that, you must aware about e-book. It can bring you from one place to other place.

**Download and Read Online Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngugi wa Thiong'o  
#DYRNHI2CGAT**

## **Read Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngugi wa Thiong'o for online ebook**

Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngugi wa Thiong'o Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngugi wa Thiong'o books to read online.

### **Online Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngugi wa Thiong'o ebook PDF download**

**Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngugi wa Thiong'o Doc**

**Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngugi wa Thiong'o Mobipocket**

**Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngugi wa Thiong'o EPub**

**DYRNHI2CGAT: Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing (The Wellek Library Lectures) By Ngugi wa Thiong'o**