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BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE GLOBAL PUBLIC SPHERE: QUESTIONING THE ORDER OF OTHERNESS

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Abstract:

The global public sphere is pervaded with all sorts of information which have spurred varied perceptions and often a rather demeaning view of the black race. Prevalent mono-logic arrangement confers the status of the other on the black race, making them consumers rather than producers of both information and technologies. Same logic had restricted the black race from telling her own story as it is. This work questions the sameness of western consciousness and global consciousness. Using critical analysis, deconstructive and reconstructive argumentations, the paper sets out to examine epistemic, moral and metaphysical dimensions to the basis of black consciousness. It scrutinizes what black consciousness communicates both to the black race and the world at large and how such information and communication can be channeled toward the achievement of global interconnectedness and global cooperation. The work concludes that black consciousness is not just a cry for emancipation, but that which contain values that can and must substantively contribute to global consciousness.

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