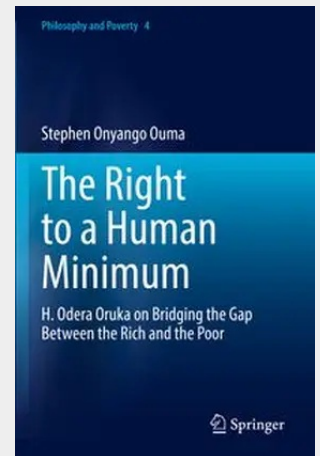


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H. Odera Oruka on Bridging the Gap Between the Rich and the Poor

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