

The Trans-Saharan Book Trade: Manuscript culture, Arabic literacy and intellectual history in Muslim



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The Trans-Saharan Book Trade: Manuscript Culture, Arabic Literacy and Intellectual History in Muslim Africa (Leiden: Brill, 2011).

This edited volume consists of a forward (by Houari Touati, Director of Studies at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales), ten chapters written by well-known scholars in the field of Islam in Africa, a glossary, a list of African toponyms mentioned in the volume, notes on contributors, and an index. It examines the circulation of paper and books between North and sub-Saharan Africa, challenges the “peripheral status” of West Africa in the dominant Orientalist discourse on the Islamic world, and firmly establishes the rich intellectual history of Islamic Africa using uncovered local Arabic sources.

In chapter one, Eric Ross challenges the misconception that the Sahara desert represented a physical barrier and a cultural divide between white North Africa, which was often construed as part of the Middle East and Mediterranean historical domain, in contrast to black sub-Saharan Africa. This dichotomy recalls of the separation between *l’Islam noir* (black Islam) and *l’Islam maure* (moor/white Islam) that the French colonial specialist of Islam in Africa, Paul Marty, popularized. Ross demonstrates that the Sahara served as a nexus rather than a barrier between sub-Saharan Africa and the Arab world (North Africa and the Middle East). He covers a long historical period and a large quantity of materials on Saharan communities. He discusses the Green Neolithic period when the Sahara was not a desert, its climatic and demographic conditions, its agricultural products, its fauna and flora, the groups and the endogamous castes and matrilineal societies that existed, and their migrations and civilizations. Ross traces the present-day caste and matrilineal systems of West African societies to the Saharan communities of the Green Neolithic era. Ross also discusses the era of the Garamantes (who were the ancestors of the Berber people), the antiquity, the trans-Saharan trade prior and during the Almoravid era, the eras of the Malian and Songhay empires, the early modern period, the

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