



Islamic Scholarship in West Africa: A Historical Exploration of Mozambique's Islamic Tradition

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Abstract

Islamic scholarship has played a significant role in the cultural heritage of West Africa, particularly in Mozambique where it has roots dating back centuries. The research employs a historiographical approach, drawing upon archival materials, scholarly articles, and oral histories to reconstruct the evolution of Islamic scholarship in the region. A notable theme within the findings is the integration of Islamic teachings with indigenous Mozambican practices, evident in religious festivals that incorporate both local and Islamic elements. The study highlights how Islamic scholarship has not only preserved but also adapted to local contexts, influencing social structures and daily life in significant ways. Further research could explore the impact of contemporary Islamic scholarship on education and community development in Mozambique.

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