



Islamic Scholarship in West Africa within South African Contexts: A Comparative Study

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Abstract

Islamic scholarship has a significant presence in West African communities within South Africa, reflecting historical diaspora patterns and cultural exchange. The study employs comparative analysis to examine archival records, scholarly literature, and contemporary documentation from South Africa and other relevant regions. A notable theme is the integration of Islamic educational practices into local institutions, exemplified by the establishment of madrasas in urban centers. Islamic scholarship has profoundly influenced arts and humanities education in South African communities, fostering a unique cultural landscape. Further research should include longitudinal studies to trace the evolution of these scholarly traditions over time. Islamic Scholarship, West Africa, South Africa, Arts & Humanities

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