



## Islamic Scholarship in West Africa: A Cameroonian Perspective,

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### Abstract

Islamic scholarship in West Africa has been a topic of interest for researchers, but there is limited comprehensive study on its historical development within specific regions such as Cameroon. The research approach involves a review of existing literature, interviews with scholars, and documentation surveys to compile a comprehensive historical account of Islamic scholarly activities. A notable theme emerging from the analysis is the significant role played by women in preserving and transmitting Islamic knowledge across generations. This study highlights the importance of integrating local narratives into broader regional and global histories of Islamic scholarship, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Policy recommendations include supporting ongoing research efforts to document similar scholarly contributions in other West African countries and enhancing educational programmes that promote cross-cultural understanding. Islamic Scholarship, Cameroon, Historiography, Gender Studies

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