



Islamic Scholarship in Ghana: A West African Perspective on Its History

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Abstract

Islamic scholarship in Ghana has a rich history dating back to the trans-Saharan trade routes, with significant contributions from scholars such as al-Adiyyah and Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. The study draws upon archival research, oral histories, and secondary scholarly literature to provide a comprehensive overview of Islamic scholarship in Ghana from pre-colonial times to contemporary periods. This Perspective Piece underscores the significance of Ghanaian Islamic scholarship in shaping intellectual landscapes across West Africa, highlighting its contributions to legal systems, religious practices, and cultural identities. Future research should consider comparative studies with other Islamic scholarly traditions within West Africa and engage more deeply with local oral histories to enrich understanding of these historical developments.

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