



# Islamic Scholarship in West Africa: A Historical Overview Through Mixed Methods Analysis

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## Abstract

Islamic scholarship in West Africa has a rich history, particularly in regions such as Gabon where Islamic teachings have influenced cultural and intellectual development. A mixed-methods approach will be employed, combining archival research with contemporary surveys to analyse the evolution of Islamic scholarship over time. Data from archival sources reveal that between and , there was a significant increase in the number of Islamic scholars and institutions dedicated to teaching and preserving Islamic knowledge. The findings suggest a growing interest and engagement with Islamic scholarship among both traditional and modern educational sectors in Gabon. Future research could explore the impact of digital technologies on Islamic education and the preservation of historical texts in Gabon.

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