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Areas of interest

African Politics, Comparative Muslim Societies Comparative Politics, Cultural Studies, Intellectual History of Sub-Saharan Africa, the Politics of Identity in Africa and Asia, translation, Postcolonial studies.

Education

Doctorat (Ph.D) in Political Science. Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques. Paris, France. 1993. Areas of specialization: Comparative Politics (Sub-Saharan Africa) and Islamic Studies. Dissertation title: Les mouvements islamiques et le champ politique au Nord-Nigéria. Le cas du mouvement Izala à Kano.

Maîtrise (M.A.) in translation and documentation. Ecole Supérieure d'Interprètes et de Traducteurs, Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle. Paris, France. 1988. Languages of specialization: French, Arabic, English.

DEA (M.Phil) in Political Science. Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques. Paris, France. 1987. Area of concentration: Political Sociology (Sub-Saharan Africa).

Diplôme Supérieur d'Etudes Islamiques (Advanced Degree in Islamic Studies). Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris, France. 1985. Area of concentration : Islamic history and civilisation.

Diplôme d'Arabe Classique (Undergraduate Degree in Classical Arabic). Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle. Paris, France. 1985. Area of concentration : Arabic language, Islamic civilisation.

Diplôme d'Arabe Dialectal (Undergraduate Degree in Colloquial Arabic). Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle. Paris, France. 1985.

Concentration: dialects of the Middle East with emphasis on Colloquial Arabic of Syria, Lebanon and Palestine.

Awards and fellowships

Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin fellowship (offered)

Postdoctoral fellowship, Columbia University, January 2002 to date.

Senior ISITA research fellowship, Northwestern University, Evanston, Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa, Fall 2001.

Postdoctoral fellowship, Yale University, September 2000 - May 2001.

Resident fellowship, The Rockefeller Foundation. Center of Bellagio, Italy (November-December 1999).

Grant from the Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa (Codesria) to fund library research at Northwestern University, Evanston (September 1999)

Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowship, the University of London (November 1996- August 1997).

Visiting research fellowship, Michigan State University, Project Muslim Societies in West Africa Under French Colonial Rule, August 1995.

Grant from a National Endowment for the Humanities funded Project "Muslim Societies in West Africa Under French Colonial Rule," to fund field research in West Africa in 1993.

Grant from the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Paris, France, to partially fund field research in Nigeria in 1991 .

Grant from the "Fundamentalism Project" administered by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences to fund field research in Nigeria in 1990.

Grant from the Maison des Sciences de l 'Homme in Paris and the British Academy in London, to fund library research in London in 1990.

Grant from the Senegalese Ministry of Education to fund dissertation field research in Nigeria in 1989.

Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Scholar, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University, January 2002 to date.

Post-doctoral Fellow, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University September 2000 – May 2001.

Leverhulme Research Fellow, School of Oriental and African Studies, The University of London (November 1996-August 1997).

Visiting Professor

(Fall semesters of 1994 and 1995)

African & African American Studies The University of Kansas, Lawrence Courses taught include The History of Islam in Africa Comparative Politics

Maître-assistant

1993 - 2002

Université de Saint-Louis (Sénégal) Courses taught include - African Politics - Comparative Politics - Political Anthropology - Political Sociology

Attaché de recherche (Research Fellow)

1992

Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, France.

Teaching assistant

1991

Department of History, Université de Paris VII Jussieu. Co-taught with Professor Jean-Louis Triaud a graduate seminar on "Islam and Society South of the Sahara" Duties included helping post-graduate students frame research proposals and guiding their readings.

Research associate

1989

Department of Islamic Studies, Bayero University Kano, Nigeria . Conducted fieldwork for doctoral dissertation.

Other professional experience

Analyst

February-September 1987

"Centre de documentation"

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris. Paris, France.

Duties included writing abstracts of articles in learned journals and making news files on social, political, economic and cultural issues.

Translator
Summer 1985
French Department
The United Nations headquarters in New York.
Translated United Nations texts from Arabic and English to French.

Secrétaire de rédaction (Assistant Editor)
January 1992-February 1993.
multidisciplinary journal *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara* published by the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Paris, France.
Duties included editing, word-processing, lay-out and corresponding with contributors on behalf of the editor and promoting the journal.

Publications

Books

Authored

Islamic Revival in Post-Colonial Northern Nigeria, Leiden, E.J. Brill, forthcoming 2002.
Intellectuels non europhones, Dakar, Codesria, 2002.
Handlist of Islamic Manuscripts, Senegal. London, Al-Furqan, 1997, 463 p.

Co-edited

Islam et islamisme au Sud du Sahara, Paris, Karthala, 1998, 330 p. (with Jean-Louis Triaud).

Translated

L'historiographie indienne en débat. Colonialisme, nationalisme et sociétés post-coloniales, Paris, Karthala/Sephis, 1999, 494 p. Translation from English to French of a number of articles by Indian Subaltern Historians (editor Mamadou Diouf).

Journal

Identity, Culture and Politics. An Afro-Asian Dialogue, volume one, January 2000 (ed. with Imtiaz Ahmad).
Identity, Culture and Politics. An Afro-Asian Dialogue, volume two, January 2001. (ed. with Imtiaz Ahmad).

Articles and chapters in collective volumes

"Tijani Writers of Senegambia 1," (with John Hunwick,) in John Hunwick (ed.) *Western Sudanic Arabic Literature*, Leiden, E. J. Brill, forthcoming.

"Tijani Writers of Senegambia 2," (with John Hunwick,) in John Hunwick (ed.) *Western Sudanic Arabic Literature*, Leiden, E. J. Brill, forthcoming.

"Murid Writers of Senegambia," (with John Hunwick,) in John Hunwick (ed.) *Western Sudanic Arabic Literature*, Leiden, E. J. Brill, forthcoming.

"Other Senegambian Writers," (with John Hunwick,) in John Hunwick (ed.) *Western Sudanic Arabic Literature*, Leiden, E. J. Brill, forthcoming.

" Muhammad Niasse (1881-1956) et sa réplique contre le pamphlet anti-tijani de Ibn Mayaba, " in Jean-Louis Triaud et David Robinson (eds.) *La Tijaniyya. Une confrérie musulmane à la conquête de l'Afrique*. Paris, Karthala, 2000, pp. 219-236.

"La Citoyenneté, la Société et l'Etat: le modèle sénégalais," *Revue sénégalaise de sociologie*, 2-3 1998-1999, 231-240.

" Religion et Politique dans les fiefs confrériques du Sénégal," in GERCOP, *Analyse des élections législatives de mai 1998 au Sénégal*, Saint-Louis, Presses universitaires de Saint-Louis, 2000.

"La polémique contre le soufisme et les ordres soufis en Afrique de l'Ouest post-coloniale," in Frederick de Jong & Bernd Radtk (eds.), *Islamic Mysticism Contested. Thirteen Centuries of Controversies and Polemics*. Leiden, E. J. Brill, 1999, pp. 324-340.

"The Crisis of Democracy and the Emergence of an Islamic Opposition," (with Leonardo Villalon) in Leonardo Villalon & Phillip Huxtable (eds.), *The African State at a Critical Juncture*. Boulder & London, Lynne Rienner, 1998, pp. 143-166.

"Un pluralisme en quête de démocratie," in François Constantin & Christian Coulon (eds.), *Religion et transition démocratique en Afrique*. Paris, Karthala, 1997, pp. 51-79.

"Shaikh al-Islam al-Hajj Ibrahim Niasse" in David Robinson and Jean-Louis Triaud (eds.) *Le temps des marabouts. Itinéraires et stratégies islamiques en Afrique occidentale française v. 1880-1960*, Paris, Karthala, 1997, 299-316.

"Senegal," entry in Kevin Boyle & Juliet Sheen (eds.), *Freedom of Religion and Belief. A World Report*. London, Routledge, 1997, pp. 58-63.

"Muslim Missionaries and African States," in Susan Hoeber Rudolph and James Piscatori (eds.), *Transnational Religion and Fading States*. Boulder, Westview, 1997, pp. 47-62.

"Senegal," in G. J. Roper (ed.), *World Survey of Islamic Manuscripts*, Leiden, Brill, 1994, volume 3, pp. 51-63.

"Zawiyah," in John Esposito (ed.) *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, New York, Oxford University Press, 1994. vol. 4, pp. 370-373.

"Izala. The Rise of Muslim Reformism in Nigeria," in Martin Marty and Scott Appelby (eds), *Accounting for Fundamentalisms: The Dynamic Character of Movements*. Chicago, The University of Chicago Press, 1994, pp. 490-512.

"Les mouvements religieux et le champ politique au Nigéria septentrional: le cas du réformisme musulman à Kano," *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 4, 1990, pp. 7-24 .

"La confrérie Tijaniyya ibrahimiyya de Kano et ses liens avec la zawiya-mère de Kaolack," *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 3, 1989, pp. 27-40.

Short articles

"Sultan West Africa, " *The Encyclopedia of Islam*, 2nd edition

"Sha'ir Western and Central Sudan," *The Encyclopedia of Islam*, 2nd edition

"Shinqit," *The Encyclopedia of Islam*, 2nd edition

"La Tijaniyya," in Gilles Veinstein and Alexandre Popovic (eds.) *Les voies d'Allah*. Les ordres mystiques dans le monde musulman des origines à nos aujourd'hui, Paris, Fayard, 1996, 475-478.

"L'islam au Nigéria," in Andrée Girard (ed.), *Clés pour l'Islam: Du religieux au politique*. Des origines aux enjeux d'aujourd'hui, Bruxelles: GRIP, 1993, pp. 66-67.

"Repères bibliographiques 1991-1992," in *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 1993, pp. 239-244 ,(with Jean-Louis Triaud).

"Niasse Abdoulaye, El Hadji [Sénégal 1844-1922]," in Marc Gaborieau, Nicole Grandin, Pierre Labrousse and Alexandre Popovic (eds.), *Dictionnaire des Savants et Grandes Figures du Monde Musulman Périphérique*, Paris, CNRS, 1992, pp. 44-47.

"Niasse Ibrahim, El Hadji [Sénégal, 1900-1975]," in Marc Gaborieau, Nicole Grandin, Pierre Labrousse and Alexandre Popovic (eds.), *Dictionnaire des Savants et Grandes Figures du Monde Musulman Périphérique*, Paris, CNRS, 1992, p. 47.

"Repères bibliographiques 1990-1991," *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 6, Oct. 1992, pp. 163-168. (with Jean-Louis Triaud).

"Le sixième sommet de l'Organisation de la Conférence islamique à Dakar, réussite ou échec ?" *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 6, 1992, pp. 103-105.

Reviews

Historical Dictionary of Senegal, by Andrew F. Clark and Lucie Colvin Philips, London and Metuchen N.J., The Scarecrow Press, 1994 in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 1995.

Islamic Society in Practice, by Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, Florida, Gainesville, University Press of Florida, 1994 in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 1997, pp. 367-368.

"Expanding Nigerian Democratic Space," Report on a conference held in Lagos on 15-17 December 1993, *Codesria Bulletin*, (3), 1994, pp. 4-6

"The Role of Shahuci and School for Arabic Studies in the Development of Legal Education in Nigeria to 1967," by Suleiman Alhaji Bala , Master thesis, History Department, Bayero University Kano, 1990 *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 6, 1992, pp. 150-152.

"L'islam en pays yoruba: religion et politique," by James A. Kayode Makinde Thèse de doctorat (Ph.D dissertation), Centre d'Etude d'Afrique Noire, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux, 1989 *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 4, 1990, pp. 214-216.

Al-muslimun fi al Sinighal ma'alim al hadir wa afaq al mustaqbal (Senegalese Islam : landmarks of the present and horizons for the future)," by Abd Al-Qadir Sylla, Qatar, Al Wahda, 1986 in *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 4, 1990, pp. 213-214.

"Nigerian Historiography and the Sokoto Jihad," by Julie Lawson, M. A. thesis, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 1989 *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 4, 1990, p. 216.

Al-Shaykh Ibrahim Niyas al-Singhali hayatuhu wa ara uhu wa ta'alimuhu (*The life, ideas and teachings of Shaykh Ibrahim Niasse of Senegal*), by Muhammad Al-Tahir Maigari, Beyrouth, Dar al-'arabiyy li al-tiba'a wa al-nashr wa al-tawzi', 1979, in *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 3, 1989, pp. 294-295

Papers delivered

"Sufi orders and the State in West Africa and the USA," paper for the atelier on Globalization and Islamic Identities in Africa, ISIM, Leiden, 18-20 April 2001.

"The Polemics concerning Sufism and the Sufi Orders in Post- colonial West Africa", paper presented at the International Symposium "Sufism and its opponents" Utrecht, May 1995.

"Ibrahim Niasse et l'émergence de la Jama'at al-fayda en Afrique de l'Ouest," paper delivered at the International Conference on Muslim Societies in West Africa under French Colonial Rule, Aix-En-Provence, France, September 1994.

"West African Muslim Missionary Movements and Security," paper delivered at the workshop on Transnational Religious Regimes organised by the Committee for International Peace and Security of the Social Science Research Council, New York October 1993 (revised and expanded version of a paper delivered in April 1992 in Chicago).

"Sufi Transnationalism and da'wa: some thoughts on West African Networks" paper delivered at the workshop on Transnational da'wa organised by the Joint Committee for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies of the Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies. Wales, 11-12 October 1992.

"Some Considerations on Sufi Transnationalism with Particular Reference to the Niassene Tijaniyya," paper delivered at the workshop on Transnational Religious Regimes organised by Committee for International Peace and Security of the Social Science Research Council, Chicago, 24-26 avril 1992.

"L'Islam réformiste comme base d'affirmation identitaire : le cas du mouvement Izala à Kano," paper for the conference Islamic Identities in Africa convened by the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London and the Center for the Study of World Religions of Harvard University, London, 18-20 April 1991.

Languages

Fluent French, English, Classical Arabic, Colloquial Arabic, Hausa and Wolof.
Basic German, Spanish, Hebrew and Pulaar.

Memberships in Working Groups

Member "transnational religion, migration and diversity," a working group of the Social Sciences Research Council, 2001 to date.

Member, the Steering Committee of the Afro-Asian Consultation on the Politics of Identity (CODESRIA / ICES) 1998 to date.

Member "Islamic Dynamics in Black Africa," based at the Centre d'Etude d'Afrique Noire, University of Bordeaux, Talence, France (1991 to date).

Past Member, "Religious Pluralism in Africa South of the Sahara," a joint working group of the Université de Pau, France and the Université de Bordeaux, France (1992-1994).

Past Member, "Transnational Religious Regimes" a working group of the Committee for International Peace and Security of the Social Science Research Council New York, USA (1991-1995).

Past Member, "Islamic group, the Fundamentalism Project," Funded by the MacArthur Foundation and sponsored by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Contributed a chapter to Volume IV of the Project, USA (1990-92).

Past Member "Planning Committee of a Project on "Muslim Societies in West Africa Under French Colonial Rule," Based at Michigan State University and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities" (1991-96).

Past Member, "Advisory Board of the "Muslim Politics Project" based at the Council on Foreign Relations and funded by the Ford Foundation (1995-1998)

Learned Journals

Editor

1999 to date

Identity, Culture and Politics: An Afro-Asian Dialogue published by the Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa (Codesria) based in Dakar and the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES) based in Colombo Sri Lanka.

Deputy Editor

1994 to date

Universite, Recherche et Developpement (URED) published by the Universite Gaston Berger
Duties included editing and promoting the journal.

Membership on Advisory Boards

1991 to date

"Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara" A multidisciplinary Journal on Muslim Societies in Africa South of the Sahara published by the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Paris, France.

1994 to date

"Sociétés, Espaces, Temps" A multidisciplinary Journal on the Social Sciences in Africa published by a group of Senegalese scholars.

1999 to date

"Afrique Sahel Recherche" A multidisciplinary journal published by African Social Scientists based in Senegal.

1998 to date

"The Journal for Islamic Studies" published by the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Participation at Other Scientific meetings

Participated at the International Conference on Turkey, the Islamic World and the Experience of Modernization, Istanbul, ISAV, 17-19 November 2000.

Participated at the conference “The Role of NGOs in Conflict Prevention” organised by the Japanese Institute of International Affairs, Tokyo, 9-10 June 2000.

Participated at the Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Conference, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 31 January 2000.

Participated as a resource person for the Governance Institute of the Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa on "Security, Violence, Law and Order (1998).

Participant at the conference "Nigeria's Transition: From End to Beginning" held at the Council for Foreign Relations, New York, January 1998.

Discussant at the international conference "Dilemmas of Democracy in Nigeria" held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison November 1995.

Participated in the selection of candidates for the 1995 Summer Institute of the Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa (CODESRIA) "on Democracy and Local Governance in Africa.

Discussant at a workshop on "the Evolution on West African Cities," organized by the African Development Bank. Dakar, Senegal, November 1993.

Participant at the conference celebrating the XX anniversary of the Council for the Development of Social and Economic Research in Africa (CODESRIA). Dakar, Sénégal. December 1993

Rapporteur of the conference "Expanding Democratic Space in Nigeria, Nigerian Institute for International Affairs," Lagos, Nigeria, December 1993.

Discussant at the international conference " Etat et Société au Sénégal: crises et dynamiques sociales," Centre d'Etude d'Afrique Noire, Bordeaux, France. October 1991.

Participant at the international conference organised by the Association française d'études sur le monde musulman and the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Paris 1991.

Countries Visited

Canada, Egypt, France, Great Britain, Gambia, Germany, India, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, the Netherlands, Italy , Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Switzerland and USA.