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CONTEXTUALIZING PIETY MOVEMENTS
Islam in West Africa and beyond

Since the 1980s, a surge in Islamic piety, especially women and youth, has attracted the attention of scholars

This seminar will examine this literature and attempt to elaborate a broader theoretical approach which contextualizes the presence, first by examining changes in Islamic worship in West Africa since its arrival in the ninth century, then by comparing Islamic movements to contemporary developments in other religions in West Africa, and finally by attempting to sketch as broad an approach as possible by comparing piety movements in fourteenth century Western Europe

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