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Black African Muslim European: Identity, Culture & Heritage

With



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If Black Africans are chronicled arriving in Europe as early as the ninth century, what explains the lack of attention - historical and scholarly - given to their indigenous/pre-Christian religious identities? How and why did the literature on Muslims in Europe attribute the 'arrival of Islam' to the lascars around the mid-eighteenth century, nine centuries after Vikings would deliver their cargo of Black Moors from North Africa and Spain? This inquiry probes these questions to historically and contextually ground its study of the factors shaping contemporary Black African Muslim European identity in its fascinatingly complex intersectionality to unravel how the past relates to and influences the current. This interdisciplinary project merges African studies with Religious Studies, Christian-Muslim relations, History, Scottish and Danish studies. It is a distinctly interdisciplinary endeavour whose research is distinguished by its outreach, public engagement and social impact factor - an extension of its participatory methodology in co-creating knowledge with multiple stakeholders.

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