About this Network

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H-IslamInAfrica is H-Net's network on the study of Islam and Muslims in Africa.

I. The H-IslamInAfrica Network: Scope, Content, Purpose

A. To promote scholarly research, both within and outside Africa, in all areas and disciplines of the social sciences and humanities relevant to Islam in Africa.

B. To encourage international cooperation and facilitate the exchange of ideas and meaningful dialogue among persons engaged in research on Islam in Africa.

C. To encourage the publication and dissemination of scholarly and artistic works as well as primary sources on Islamic studies and related topics.

D. To organize panels, symposia, and conferences on Islam in Africa at meetings of regional, national and international organizations. [this would seem to facilitate our plans to "franchise" the organization.]

E. To provide the general public with information on issues of historical, cultural, and contemporary interest in Islam in Africa.

II. Editors.

H-IslamInAfrica is edited by field experts approved by the network board and certified by H-Net's Executive Council. The editors serve two-year renewable terms and rotate their duties. Editors are listed in the Network Staff List linked from the network's front page. The editors will solicit postings through the Commons, will approve new subscriptions, will handle routine inquiries, and manage submissions. Anyone with suggestions about what H-IslamInAfrica can and might do is invited to send in ideas by writing to the editorial address. The editors will solicit and post newsletter-type information (calls for conferences, for example, or listings of sessions at conventions.) Like all H-Net networks, H-IslamInAfrica is moderated to edit out material that, in the editors' opinion, is not germane to the network mission, involves technical matters (such as subscription management requests), is inflammatory, or violates evolving, yet common, standards of Internet etiquette. Please read section III below for details about ownership, style, formatting, and content of your messages. H-Net's procedure for resolving disputes over editorial practices is Article II, Section 2.02 of our council policies, located at:

https://networks.h-net.org/node/59057/pages/59068/council-policies

For a list of current editors, visit: https://networks.h-net.org/node/835449/staffpage

III. Communicating Through the Network.

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-- ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NETWORK MUST BE SIGNED. If your profile on the H-Net Commons is not filled out with a valid name and affiliation the editors will delay posting until authorship and email address are confirmed.

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you modify your notifications, unsubscribe from the network, change the e-mail address associated with your profile, and use your "My H-Net" page effectively. If you still have questions after reading the guides please email help@mail.h-net.msu.edu.

V. The H-IslamInAfrica Network Site

The H-IslamInAfrica network site contains the following required information and services:

- The archives of the H-IslamInAfrica network discussions and other uploaded content

- The network's official documents: its about page, lists of board members and editors, contact information, and other founding and information documents.

- Hypertext links to resources in our subject: teaching materials, research archives, other networks.

VI. Advisory Board.

H-IslamInAfrica daily activities are managed by the editors. Its long-term policies are developed by the advisory board. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact the current editor. Board members referee incoming articles, reviews, and teaching materials; establish basic subscription restrictions and policy; advise the editors on disputes among editors and subscribers; monitor the network and make active contributions to discussion; and serve as the subscribers' voice in H-Net affairs. You are encouraged to contact any or all of the editorial board members with ideas and concerns about H-IslamInAfrica.

For a list of the current advisory board, visit: https://networks.h-net.org/node/835449/staffpage

VII. Our Parent Organization: H-Net

H-Net is an international consortium of scholars in the humanities and social sciences that creates and coordinates electronic networks, using a variety of media, and with a common objective of advancing humanities and social science teaching and research. H-Net was created to provide a positive, supportive, egalitarian environment for the friendly exchange of ideas and scholarly resources.

The goals of H-NET networks are to enable scholars to easily communicate current research and teaching interests; to discuss new approaches, methods and tools of analysis; to share information on electronic databases; and to test new ideas and share comments on the literature in their fields.

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