

Faith and Politics: Student Activism and Religious Movements in Sahelian Universities

This symposium will bring scholars from the region to explore the striking proliferation of religiously-based forms of student organization and activism on university campuses across the region.

speakers:

Prof. Magloire Somé, Burkina Faso
Dr. Walar Modou Abakar, Chad
Prof. Mamadou Lamine Dembélé, Mali
Prof. Elémine ould Mohamed Baba Moustapha, Mauritania
Dr. Abdoulaye Sounaye, Niger
Dr. Mamadou Bodian, Sénégal

Discussants:

Leonardo Villalón and Benjamin Soares, University of Florida

Thursday April 26th in Grinter Hall 440
Panel I: 10:30-12:30 Panel II: 2:30-4:30

PARTICIPANTS

- **Magloire Somé** is a Professor of History and a specialist in the contemporary religious history of Burkina Faso at the Joseph Ki Zerbo University of Ouagadougou. He holds a PhD from the Université Paris IV, Sorbonne. He is also currently special advisor to the Prime Minister of Burkina Faso.
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- **Mamadou Lamine Dembele** is an Associate Professor (maître de conférences agrégé) at the Université des Sciences Juridiques et Politiques de Bamako (USJPB), Mali. His research interests include Malian public policy, international aid, Islam and politics in Mali and security issues in northern Mali.

- **Abdoulaye Sounaye** is a Research Fellow at the Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany, and Professor at Abdou Moumouni University in Niamey, Niger. He holds a PhD in Religious Studies from Northwestern University. He is the author of many works on Islam in public sphere, the relationship between religion and modernity, and Muslim youth in Niger.
- **Mamadou Bodian** holds a Ph.D. from the University of Florida. His research has focused on electoral systems, as well as on religion and education reform in the Francophone Sahelian countries. He is coordinator of the Trans-Saharan Electoral Project (TSEP).
- **Leonardo A. Villalón**, Professor of African Politics and Dean of the International Center at the University of Florida, where he also coordinates the Sahel Research Group.
- **Benjamin Soares**, Professor of African Religions and Islamic Studies at the University of Florida, as well as Director, Center for Global Islamic Studies.