

THE COLONIAL CAPITALIST ORDER

Wealth, Empire, and the African Muslim Experience

About the Book

The Colonial Capitalist Order: Wealth, Empire, and the African Muslim Experience examines how capitalism through mercantilism, colonial expansion, industrialization, and globalization changed Africa's economy and culture. The book shows how capitalism disrupted Islamic trade networks, governance, and moral economies. It discusses how African Muslim societies; whether it was from West, North, South or to the Swahili coast of east Africa were marginalized but also adapted and resisted these changes, from the collapse of trade networks to the challenges of post-colonial debt. Using historical case studies and current debates, the book highlights the lasting effects of capitalism on African Muslims. It also suggests ethical alternatives based on Islamic principles of justice and community. This work serves as both a historical analysis and a call to seek ethically grounded futures beyond neoliberalism.

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