

SUMMARIES OF ARTICLES

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Law and Justice in the Culture of Ewe. Judgment and Forgiveness

Starting from the definition of the concept of law among the Ewe people, *se* (its literal meaning is a border that should not be crossed) and justice *dzodzoenyenye* (in the ontological sense) and *nutefew* (in the existential sense), this article presents the process of judgment and forgiveness in the culture of Ewe people living in southern Togo and Benin. In Ewe culture, the judgment process takes place within the community, the immediate family or among the villagers.

Wrongdoing is defined as disregarding the relationship with the god Mawu, insulting the deities of Tro or *voodoo*, disrespecting ancestors or committing offenses against a family or village. These offences are reflected in the language, in expressions describing the misdeeds.

Then the process of judgment itself is presented, with traditional judgment procedures, traditional trial, judgment, forgiveness and cleansing. The acts and consequences of adultery and the *afofof* cleansing ritual are also analysed. The verdict itself, importantly, is dictated by a desire to resolve the conflict and put an end to the dissonance in the community.

Keywords: Eve, Togo, Benin, law, justice, judgment, forgiveness

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On Symbolic Images of the Dog and the Hyena in Hausa Culture

Dedicated to Animals, without whom the world would be pointless

Animals, their appearance, characteristics and behaviour play an important role in the shaping of human thinking and perception of the world. The attitude of people towards animals found its reflection in language, which constitutes a crucial component of culture and a key to understanding the philosophy of life. This article is meant to present symbolic meanings of the dog (*kare*) and the hyena (*kura*) in Hausa aphorisms and proverbs. These wise sayings serve as a medium for the metaphorical expression of their knowledge, attitudes and values.

Key words: dog (*kare*), hyena (*kura*), Hausa culture, symbolism

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Analysis of the Use of Proverbs in the Political Discourse. The Example of Press Texts in Hausa Published During the General Election in Nigeria in 2019

The article is an analysis of functions and contents of Hausa proverbs in the Nigerian political discourse. Hausa proverbs (*karin magana*) are short linguistic formations, durable sayings with fixed interpretations. In formal terms, *karin magana* (just as proverbs in other languages) are the units of text, the minimal (finished) texts which are used in utterance as set ready-made quotes. The source material for the analysis covers selected press texts published in some of the most popular Nigerian newspapers in Hausa whose main theme is politics. The titles of these newspapers are as follows: *Aminiya*, *Albishir*, *Al-Mizan* and *Leadership A Yau*. All press articles used for the analysis were published between the 30th of January and the 27th of February 2019 when the Nigerian General Election was held. The analysis has shown that proverbs are a significant element of press language and have various functions in the structure of journalistic texts. Analyzing the contents expressed in the proverbs, it was observed that their general meanings are solidified in the context of current political events, which allows them to be used as rhetorical figures aimed at influencing the reader in the intended manner.

Key words: Hausa proverbs, discourse of politics, general elections in Nigeria, press in Hausa language

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The Fulani Village of Guelack – Sustainable Development on a Microscale

This article briefly presents an example of a successful implementation of the sustainable development principles which took place in Guelack, a Fulani village, situated in northern Senegal. Thanks to the inhabitants' initiatives and partial external assistance, Guelack has developed husbandry and agriculture. Many measures were also undertaken to improve living standards.

Keywords: Guelack, Senegal, Fula people, sustainable development

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The Omo Valley on the Brink of Social and Ecological Changes

In recent years, the Omo Valley situated in south-western Ethiopia has been undergoing rural and social reforms. The Ethiopian government and foreign investors have implemented a number of projects that have significantly changed the previous social and ecological balance. The article discusses the issues of building the Gibe III Dam and six sugar factories as well as the seizure of vast areas for new plantations. It also analyses the impact of such decisions on the inhabitants of the region.

Key words: Ethiopia, The Omo Valley, Gibe III dam, investments, social changes, ecology

SEBASTIAN ŻBIK

“For Ibadites from Oman and Zanzibar”. The Forms of Support for the Ibadi Community by the Arab Community from Zanzibar Based on Selected *Waqfs* and Wills from 1890–1964

The wills and *waqfs* (inalienable endowments) of Arabs from Zanzibar show various forms of support for the Ibadi community in Zanzibar, Oman and Mecca. Helping mosques, buying meals for fasting people and the poor, support for the pilgrims are just a few examples of this activity. Although it did not differ from the similar measures adopted by other Muslim communities, it pointed out profound relations between Oman and Zanzibar, the role of women in the Arab community in East Africa, and the changes that took place in this community in years 1890-1964, as well as within Oman and Zanzibar.

Key words: Oman, Zanzibar, Ibadis, waqf, will, support, help, contacts