

MARKUS WIENER PUBLICATIONS
ON SUDANIC AFRICA

I am pleased to let all who work on Africa—especially Sudanic Africa—to be aware of an American publisher who produces books on these matters. Three books of mine have come out of MARKUS WIENER PUBLISHERS of Princeton in the past few years. They are:

1. *The African Diaspora in the Mediterranean Lands of Islam*, with Eve Trout Powell, published in 2002. It deals with West Africans who were enslaved (as non-Muslims) and taken over the Sahara into Islamic North Africa, some going then to Byzantium and some areas of the ‘Middle East’. It contains fifteen chapters, in some of which are (translated) source materials.

2. *Jews of a Saharan Oasis: Elimination of the Tamantit Community*, published in January 2006. Total 91 pages. It deals with the activity of °Abd al-Karīm al-Maghīlī (of Tlemcen) in the Tamantit town of the Tuwāt oasis in the late fifteenth century.

3. *West Africa, Islam, and the Arab World: Studies in Honor of Basil Davidson*, published in October 2006. A total of 147 pages. It contains some former studies of mine, as well as biographical and bibliographic information about Basil Davidson.

I am pleased to have these books published by this excellent,

1 The Fontes project still exists, now directed by Prof. Viera Pawlikova-Vilhanov of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava, Slovakia.

and helpful, publisher, and I hope that other writers on Arabic and Islam in sub-Saharan Africa will think of publication with Markus Wiener.²

I also edited, but did not write, another book on some Islamic matters in Africa, published by Markus Wiener Publishers in 2005, *Sufism and Religious Brotherhoods in Senegal*. It was originally written in French by Khadim Mbacké, the librarian of Islamic manuscripts in the University of Senegal, who got it translated into English by Eric Ross, a researcher in Senegal, whose translation is 'interpretive', that is, not just literal, but inspired by his own knowledge of the topic, and made more easily readable in English, with a few added footnotes.

Please note that in 2000 Markus Wiener also re-published an important work on Sudanic Africa; *Corpus of Early Arabic Sources for West African History*, by J.F.P. Hopkins & N. Levtzion.

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2 If the above information persuades anyone to wish to have a publication of theirs on Islam (and/or Arabic) in Sub-Saharan Africa by that publisher, I can let that reader know how to contact Markus Wiener.