

Africa's Place in World History

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Otázky do panelové diskuse

1) What is Africa?

Can we consider, for example, the Maghreb, the Sahara, or Egypt as part of the African continent in other than a geographical sense? Or is it necessary to restrict this designation to sub-Saharan Africa when we talk about older history? But even with respect to sub-Saharan Africa, isn't it a gross simplification to speak of it as it was one unit, as one historical actor?

2) What is Middle Ages?

Is the Middle Ages a productive concept for research on the earlier history of Africa? Does it adequately replace the older label of "Dark Ages"? Is it not only our (European) construct or is it accepted by Africans themselves? How do the African scholars conceptualize the history of their own continent/region, especially the period before the European expansion.

3) Interdisciplinarity and sources

How can we overcome the lack of sources for the history of Africa? Are we obliged to look at every trace we find as if it were a document? Does the dispersion of sources and the variety of approaches allow us to construct a history of Africa? Do we need to be eclectic in our methodological approach, to use every source possible?