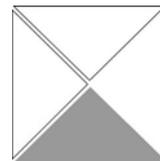


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Linking East Africa and the Middle East - Networks of commerce and culture

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The lecture discusses the relations between the East African Coast and the Middle East, notably the Peninsula. It takes a long historical perspective starting with Islamisation, and until the present. A main topic are the changing connections with the wider Muslim world, which encompassed scholarly as well as trade networks. This shaped population movements as well as the different forms of Islam present in coastal East Africa. More recently, colonial and postcolonial developments with new forms of border formation have considerably influenced and altered these translocal connections.

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