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Role and Status Conflicts, Moral Crisis and the Ritualization of Career in Public Service: the Case of Mali

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This paper tries to explain how, in the context of jobs and resource scarcity, a chief officer segregates his role and status while implementing the recruitment and advancement policy in Public Service in Mali. Which of his two roles will prevail? The legal and legitimate one as state nominee or his role as father, son, grand-father, father-in-law, etc. incorporated through his customary status? Whichever of these rules he chooses to privilege, he will be an object of complex moral evaluation. I argue that it is the moral crisis arising from the segregation of roles and status that incites many civil servants to perform the ritualization of their career and social life.

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