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## **Gender and the City. Ritual, kinship and exchange in Dakar (Senegal)**

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In the West African metropolis of Dakar (Senegal), money and sociality are two sides of the same coin: there can be no enduring and meaningful relation if money is not involved at one point or another. In this pervasive urban sociality, agency relies on the conversion of liquidity into relations and vice versa. However, only life-cycle ceremonies (especially birth and marriage), in which women honor kinship relations with lavish gifts, successfully manage to synchronize a large set of financial relations. These ceremonies belong to a broader ritual system based on the hierarchical relation between Islam and the ritual agency of women. Albeit not made explicit by the social actors, this hierarchical relation structures the seemingly atomized and chaotic sociality of Dakar. The urban situation thus shows how Muslim values must always put up with women's ostentatious agency on relations and shed a new light on ritual, ceremonial exchange and kinship in the context of a globalized African society.