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Islam and Fundamental Freedoms, towards a universal ethics
Asma Lamrabet | April 2023 | 184 pages | 95 DH / 20 €

Religious freedom, the death penalty, equality between women and men, sexual relations outside of marriage, abortion, and children born out of wedlock. Despite recent reforms, these social issues remain problematic as legal texts are based on a strict, patriarchal interpretation of religion. Rather than placing a religious framework in opposition to human rights, Asma Lamrabet invites us to reconnect with a spiritual ethics founded on the search for justice and the respect for human dignity.

Asma Lamrabet is a Moroccan-Muslim medical biologist, essayist, and feminist. Former director of the Centre for Women's Studies in Islam at the League of Scholars in Morocco, she is a major figure in Islamic feminism. Questioning long-held assumptions, she takes a rigorous and clear-sighted look at the situation of Muslim women.

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Nation states versus minorities, Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Iraq, Iran
FORSEM, under the direction of Tahar Khalfoune | March 2023 | 232 pages | 95 DH / 20 €

Berbers, Copts, Kurds: the relationship between minorities and nation-states on the southern shores of the Mediterranean is complex, ranging from devaluation to persecution of minorities. The concept of the imposed nation-state is central to this issue, where centralisation aims to homogenise linguistic, cultural, and religious expressions. Looking at examples from Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Iraq, and Iran, the book's authors argue for understanding the nation as a social construct. Rather than attempting to reduce differences and deny lengthy histories rich in diversity, this conception of the nation is inclusive and open to others. It is based less on exclusive identities and more on supporting a political project with common values.

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INVESTIGATIONS collection

REPUBLICATION : Magic fingers, strawberry girls, Moroccan seasonal workers in southern Spain
Chadia Arab | January 2023 | 288 pages | 85 DH / 18 €

Since the turn of the twenty-first century, thousands of Moroccan women have traveled to picking strawberries in the Spanish province Huelva. Recruited directly in Morocco through seasonal contracts these "strawberry girls" were chosen because of their economic precariousness and because they left children behind in Morocco, ensuring they would return.


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Chadia Arab, geographer and researcher at the National Center for Scientific Research, analyzes the mechanisms of this circular migration, developed to meet the need for labor and to regulate the migratory flows between Morocco and the EU, while forgetting the needs of women.
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Since the uprisings of 2011, people of the area turned to the intellectuals to help them take a stand in the public sphere. Scrupulous thinkers have more interrogations to ask, than certainties to power out. In Morocco, fifteen of them accepted to speak their minds and explain their job.

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The veil, polygamy, equality of inheritance... Asma Lamrabet draws a map of the discrimination imposed upon women in the name of Islam. She demonstrates that the majority of classical, medieval interpretations were the product of their social and cultural context and were developed in the margins and sometimes in opposition to the Koran, which contains a much more open and egalitarian vision.
The web of our singularities, living together in Morocco
The Living Together Collective, under the direction of Fadma Aït Mous and Driss Ksikes | February 2016 | 278 pages | 95 DH / 20 €

This book is the result of three years of regular work by the Living Together Collective, created by Fatema Mernissi in November 2012. It investigates changing social connections in Morocco. What is our relationship to knowledge, to language, to religion, to gender equality? To father figures and to foreigners? To space, to work, to virtual reality? Using these nine themes as points of departure, the authors try to understand the tensions created by the access to individuality; the freedom and excesses that follow from it; as well as the denial of the collective and the injustices this entails.

National Champions, the development equation in Morocco
Selma Mhaoud | March 2018 | 172 pages | 95 DH / 20 €
ISBN : 978-9954-9879-3-3

OCP, SNI, Attijariwafabank, Maroc Télécom, Addoha, BMCE Bank... They are big, innovative, competitive and international. These companies, and others, called "national champions" have thrived in a domestic context rich with incentives. But does Morocco have a policy towards national champions? What imperatives does it respond to?
And to what extent do these "champions" contribute to the socio-economic development of the country? Does this impact match the resources allocated and the expectations they generate?
A Woman’s Back is a Donkey’s Back, the Forgotten Women of Morocco’s Depths
Hicham Houdaïfa | February 2015 | 112 pages | 65 DH / 13 €
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« If I focused on the rural environment, in particular on the mountainous regions of the Atlas and on small towns (Berkane, Midelt, Kalaat Sraghna), it is because the fragility of women there seemed to me to be more marked, more terrible than elsewhere. In 2015, in various regions of this country, a girl who is not married by the age of eighteen is still considered a failed woman with no future... »

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- Schiena di donna schiena di mulo, le dimenticate del Marocco profondo | Ilena Marchesni | Di Felice Edizioni | 2022
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Mohamed Sammouni | February 2017 | 88 pages | 65 DH / 13 €

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Books under threat, woids in the publishing ecosystem in Morocco
Kenza Sefrioui | February 2017 | 100 pages | 65 DH / 13 €

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Hicham Houdaïfa | October 2020 | 134 pages | 65 DH / 13 €
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**Morocco : languages at war ?**

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Arabic, darija, Amazigh, French, Spanish...in Morocco, celebrating linguistic diversity should not make one forget that it is also the source of tensions. Languages are enmeshed with social, economic and political issues. Geopolitical hegemonies, social divides and the weight of colonial history have put in place stereotypical representations: French as the language of modernity, versus Arabic, assigned to religion and tradition; darija and Amazigh as dialects and simple means of communication, versus classical Arabic, a written language, etc. These power relations play out on multiple levels and create tension around identity, an obsession with legitimacy and feelings of injustice.

**Medecine and Colonialism in Morocco Under the French Protectorate**

Reda Sadiki | March 2021 | 272 pages | 95 DH / 20 €

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**Unruly ways**

Driss Ksikes | November 2021 | 314 pages | 90 DH / 20 €

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Unruliness is, above all, a gesture in pursuit of freedom and justice. A method of decentering in which one abandons the predetermined ways, embraces autonomy in the face of institutions, dares to push into tender points and conflicts, refuses dogma, rejects fixed identities and traditions. It is a resistant thought, embodied and passed on by artists, makers, writers, scientists, philosophers and other cultural figures concerned with the human condition and the longing towards a less hierarchical world. This book travels. To travel through and with such an idea, its infinite ramifications.
The originality of Islam is to be the only entity that has simultaneously rubbed up against the borders of Western Europe, Byzantium, China and India. This juxtaposition of diversity gave the Arabic language the privilege of being in contact with the fields covered by Latin, Greek, Chinese and Sanskrit, in addition to the integrated fields made possible by the knowledge available in Persian, Syriac, Aramaic, Hebrew, Demotic. Islam has bonded these disparate traditions, unified and reinvigorated them together.

**What history can do** - ما يستطيع التاريخ
Patrick Boucheron | Translated into Arabic by Jalal El Hakmaoui | February 2018 | pages 54 | prix 45 DH / 9 €

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*What history can do*, Patrick Boucheron's inaugural lecture at the Collège de France, is a major text within contemporary historical thought. Written just after the 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris, this text states the need to re-think history, questioning established periodicities and emphasizing the urgent need for a universal history. It suggests a method to escape the "fascination with destiny" and to ensure "the possibility of a conscience may abide."

**Islam, la part de l’universel** - كودية الإسلام
Abdelwahab Meddeb | Translated into Arabic by Mohammed Zernine | February 2019 | 188 pages (107 in French, 81 in Arabic) | 65 DH / 13 €

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**On modern Moroccan culture, Anthology (1917-2004)**
Abdeljalil Nadem and Jalal El Hakmaoui | Translated into Arabic | May 2022 | 376 pages | 95 DH / 20 €

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Through the press or essays, writers and intellectuals, mainly Arabic speaking, questioned the situation of the country throughout the 20th century. They were convinced that culture was central in any project of liberation and change, and focused on all fields of knowledge: history, economy, education, languages, literature... These critical reflections demonstrate their commitment to a renaissance of Morocco. An essential part of our collective memory to rediscover.
Moroccan nationality
Hind Tak-Tak | February 2017 | 96 pages | 65 DH / 13 €

Extract of the conclusion
« It seems advisable for laws to be adapted to the social environment. Several matters therefore require legislative intervention. These include the matter of the transmission of nationality by the Moroccan woman to her foreign spouse, that of family re-grouping, and that of of children born in Morocco to parents hailing from Subsaharan countries, be they refugees, asylum seekers or illegal migrants. Refugee status, for example, does not allow the person concerned to request naturalisation. Yet several years may pass without refugees or their children benefitting from any particular processing of their case. Rules should be put into place to allow allow this population to switch from refugee status to the status of foreigners. Taking this measure is necessary for social cohesion, especially at a time of military conflicts, when people find themselves sometimes forced to leave their countries of origin. It is a measure that would re-affirm Morocco as a country of legal immigration. »