

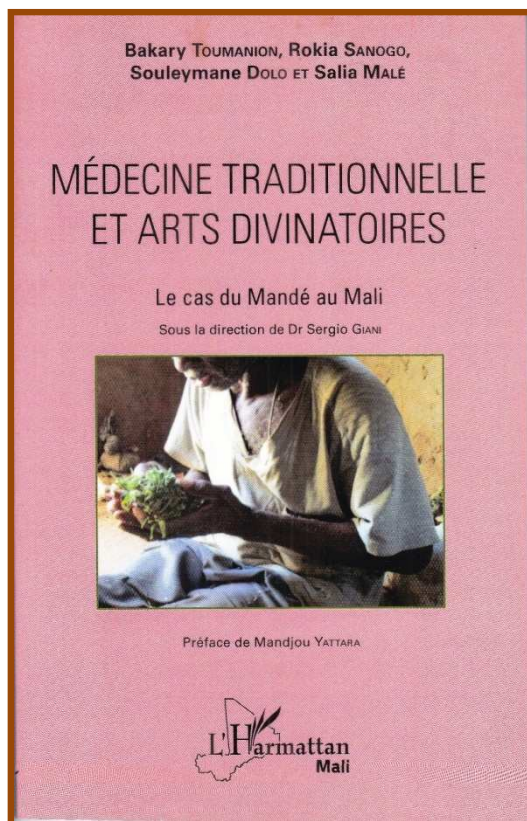


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Traditional Medicine and Divinatory Arts. The case of Mandé in Mali

Abstract



The International Festival of "Cauris" of the Mandé (FESCAURI) celebrated in Siby from 18 to 20 December 2015 its 9th edition. It was decided to publish in this first issue of the "Notebook of FESCAURI" the contributions of the various experts who participated in the conference-debate of December 19, 2015, the theme of which was "Issues of traditional medicine and divinatory arts in the health system in Africa". The article by **Bakary Toumanion** exposes the author's reflections on the Therapeutic Itineraries, Practices and Representations of the disease in Africa. According to the author, the origins, the causes and the representations of disease determine the therapeutic itineraries and practices of care. The article by **Prof. Rokia Sanogo** focuses on the Role of Traditional Medicine in Primary Health Care in Mali. After giving the main definitions for Traditional Medicine, the paper presents the role of traditional medicine in Primary Health Care and analyzes the Traditional Health System, while highlighting the importance of divination in identifying the nature and the origins of

the disease, to make the diagnosis and to choose the most appropriate therapy. The article by **Souleymane Dolo** shows the contribution of Traditional Medicine to Reproductive Health and Family Planning. This is qualitative information collected in Mandé area during a study conducted between 2013 and 2015. Analyze shows that the two medicines have more points in common than differences. **Salia Malé** talks to us about Traditional Medicine and Divinatory Arts, including diviners and sacrificial devices in Bamako and Jitumu. He shows that the divinatory examination of the individual and the diagnosis of his disorders is carries out after a general analysis of the state of his domestic, family and village environment.

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