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**THE GLOBALIZATION
OF AN AFRICAN MUSLIM:
*ALI A. MAZRUI BETWEEN GLOBALIZATION
AND THE TRIPLE HERITAGE*
A Biographical Project**

Preliminary thoughts for discussion with *Mr. Abubaker Y. Ahmed al Shingieti* during his visit to Binghamton for discussion with Dr. Seifudein Adem in consultation with Dr. Ali A. Mazrui, November 12–14, 2010.

Alternative Narratives for the Mazrui Biography

- (a) The Globalization of an African Muslim: Mazrui from the Indian Ocean to the North Atlantic
- (b) Ali Mazrui and the Convergence of Civilizations: Africanity, Islam and the West
- (c) Is Ali A. Mazrui a Latter Day Ibn Khaldun?

Alternative Media for the Mazrui Biography

- (a) Two print volumes—one volume mainly *biographical* and the second an *analytical evaluation* of Ali Mazrui's actual scholarly output.
- (b) One-hour DVD documentary (possibly with Wachanga) or a mini-series of two episodes. One episode to be professional biography; second episode consisting of opinions of other scholars about Mazrui's contribution to Islamic and African studies.
- (c) A compilation of the works of Ali A. Mazrui on *Islam and Comparative Civilizations*. Consult the 3 volumes of select Mazruiana published as part of Toyin Falola's project about major 20th-century contributors to *African Studies*.

Mazrui's Early Education: Initiation into Islamic Culture and Arab Civilization

- (a) Upbringing in the home of the Chief Kadhi of Kenya, Sheikh Al-Amin Ali Mazrui [young Ali's Dad].
- (b) Education in Arab Primary and Secondary Schools, Mombasa, Kenya (1938–1945).
- (c) Private tutors on the Arabic language and Islamic studies, in Mombasa, Kenya (1942–1947).
- (d) Employment in the Mombasa Institute of Muslim Education, Kenya, as Warden of Halls of Residence (1948–1955).
- (e) Education at the Huddersfield Technical College, Huddersfield, Yorkshire—including learning world history, geography, English literature and the Arabic language (1955–1957).
- (f) Education at the University of Manchester, England, on politics, philosophy and the Arabic language—resulting in Bachelor of Arts with Distinction (1957–1960).
- (g) Education at Columbia University, New York, on a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship, resulting in a Master's degree in Government and Politics in Africa, the Middle East and North-South Relations (1960–1961).
- (h) Education at the University of Oxford, Oxford, England, specializing in politics and political philosophy, culminating in a D.Phil. (Oxon) [Doctor of Philosophy—1960–1966]