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In August 1999, whilst on a visit to Mali, I called at the Institut de Recherches en Sciences Humaines in Bamako. The director, Kléna Sanogo was on vacation, so I met with the Assistant Director, Mamadi Dembélé, who kindly took me to see the institute's library. There I was happy to find a number of theses on Malian history, and noted the following, which may be of interest to readers of *Sudanic Africa*:

Ibrahima Barry, 'Le pouvoir, le commerce, et le Coran dans le Soudan nigérien au XIXe siècle. Le royaume de Bandiagara, 1864-1893'. Thèse pour le doctorat d'histoire (nouveau régime), 2 vols., 1993. Supervised by Emmanuel Terray.

Fatoumata Aly, 'La prise de Tombouctou par les Français et les résistances dans la région de Tombouctou, 1916'. Mémoire de fin d'études, École normale supérieure, Bamako 1976 (76 pp.).

Abdel Hamid Meïga, 'Les Kunta de l'est: influence spirituelle et politique dans le Moyen-Niger (1765-1865)'. Mémoire de fin d'études, École normale supérieure, Bamako 1988.

Modibo Meïga, 'Le commerce et les commerçants dans la vallée du Niger aux XVII-XIXe siècles. Contribution à l'étude du commerce précolonial'. Mémoire de fin d'études, École normale supérieure, Bamako 1986 (144 pp.).

Ali Sankare, 'Les rapports entre les peuls du Masina et les Kounta (1818-1864)'. Mémoire de fin d'études, École normale supérieure, Bamako 1984 (101 pp.).

Moctar Sissoko, 'Tidiani Amadou Tall, 1864-1887'.

Mémoire de fin d'études, École normale supérieure, Bamako 1985.

Abdourahamane Dramane Sissoko, 'Ségou sous l'occupation toucouleur, 1860-1890'. Mémoire de fin d'études, École normale supérieure, Bamako 1983.

Nouhoum Waïgalo, 'Le Macina de 1853 à 1896'. Mémoire de fin d'études, École normale supérieure, Bamako 1977 (68 pp.).

Mariam Angoïba, 'Organisation de la transhumance sous Cheikou Amadou dans le delta intérieur du Niger d'après les chroniques peulh'. Mémoire de fin d'études, École normale supérieure, Bamako 1972.

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ARABIC LITERATURE OF AFRICA: UPDATE

Volume IV of *Arabic Literature of Africa: The Writings of Western Sudanic Africa*, edited by John Hunwick, is in the final stages of preparation. It is expected that it will be published in November 2001. The total number of pages is expected to be close to 700. The chapters are:

1. The Middle Niger to 1800
 2. The Middle Niger in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
 3. The Desert Fringes of Mali: I, The Kunta
 4. The Desert Fringes of Mali: II, Other writers of Azawād

 5. Writers of Central Mali in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
 6. Tijānī Writers of Senegambia: I, the Niassene Tradition
 7. Tijānī Writers of Senegambia: II, Mālik Sy and Other Tijānī Writers
 8. Writers of the Murīd *ṭarīqa*
 9. Other Writers of the Senegambia Region
 10. Writers of Guinea
 11. Writers of Niger
 12. Writers of the Greater Voltaic Region
 13. Anonymous Chronicles, King-Lists, and Historical Fragments
- APPENDIX: Unassigned Writers

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