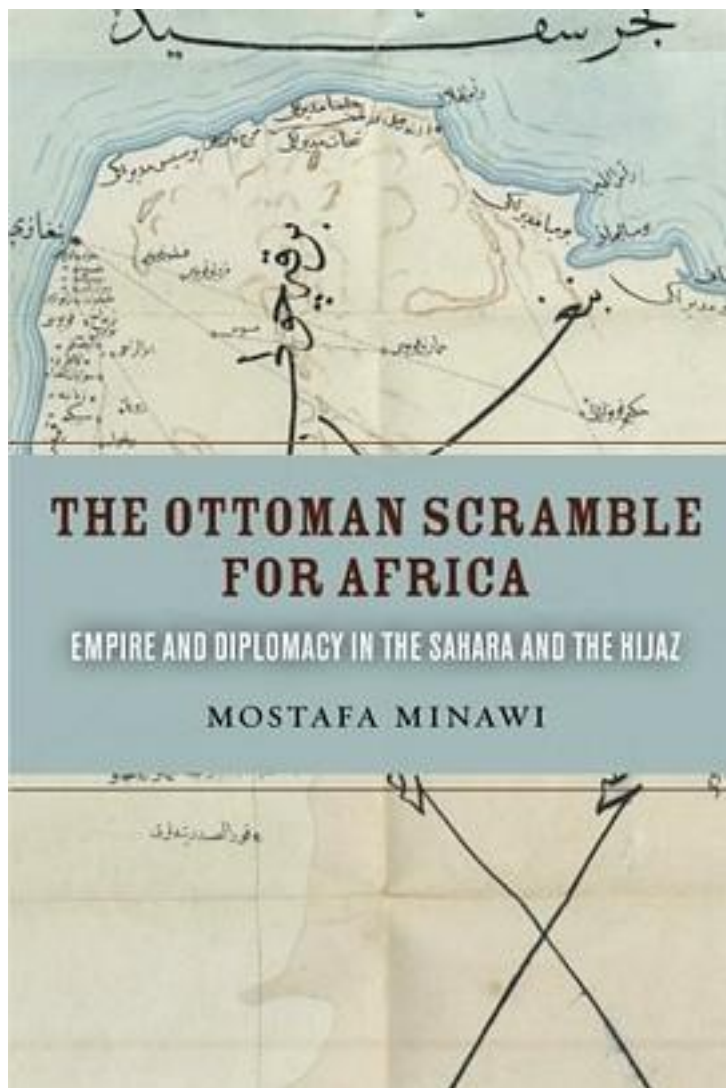


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The Ottoman Scramble for Africa is the first book to tell the story of the Ottoman Empire's expansionist efforts during the age of high imperialism. Following key representatives of the sultan on their travels across Europe, Africa, and Arabia at the close of the nineteenth century, it takes the reader from Istanbul to Berlin, from Benghazi to Lake Chad Basin to the Hijaz, and then back to Istanbul. It turns the spotlight on the Ottoman Empire's expansionist strategies in Africa and its increasingly vulnerable African and Arabian frontiers.

Drawing on previously untapped Ottoman archival evidence, Mostafa Minawi examines how the Ottoman participation in the Conference of Berlin and involvement in an aggressive competition for colonial possessions in Africa were part of a self-reimagining of this once powerful global empire. In so doing, Minawi redefines the parameters of agency in late-nineteenth-century colonialism to include the Ottoman Empire and turns the typical framework of a European colonizer and a non-European colonized on its head. Most importantly, Minawi offers a radical revision of nineteenth-century Middle East history by providing a counternarrative to the "Sick Man of Europe" trope, challenging the idea that the Ottomans were passive observers of the great European powers' negotiations over solutions to the so-called Eastern Question.

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先说结论：作者会是下一代中东史大师。以Sadk Azmzade的生涯为线索，从19世纪末帝国主义国家间竞争的角度分析阿卜杜·哈米德二世时期奥斯曼帝国的活动。与之前认知相反的是，帝国积极参加了瓜分非洲的进程，试图加强对利比亚的控制，并与塞努西教团合作，向乍得湖推进。法邵达危机解决后，帝国南进的路线被堵死，而红海成为西方列强的新目标，于是帝国加强了对希贾兹的控制，希贾兹电报线就是政策调整的产物。作者在搜集材料、解读材料、将史实放在大背景下解读等方面都做的几乎完美。满分神作！

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