

**Paper: “Othering Europe: Ambivalence in Moroccan Discourse Towards Modernity under the Dogmatic Understanding of Islam and the Political Affiliation to the Monarchy”**

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The methods need more clarification, the present paper limits itself to the question of ambivalence.

**There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.**

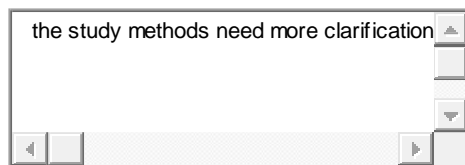
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Title: the preposition “between” supposes the dogmatic understanding of Islam is in a different direction to the political affiliation to the Monarchy. If the two factors are in the same direction, the author needs to use “under” instead of “between then to use the output of these two factors in the main article.

Page 1: some general reference for example, ‘Japan a reinterpretation by Patrick smith’.

Page 3 line 6: It is assumed that the hadith is interpreted according to the author, or that the author clarifies that the hadith was used by interpretation (ideologically) for the benefit of the political reality. Because there is another adopted interpretation of the hadith said, the hadith may mean to not permissible to live among non-Muslims. The explanation, which I believe, is that the hadith may mean that Muslims have to not migrate to non-Muslim territories during the time of the Prophet, with all political meanings of the migration word. Where the “jihad” was the main part of Islam being and addressed the military function at that time.

In general If possible, to clarify idiomatically some words like 'Makhzen'.

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