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1. Tamale’s urban character has been ignored by academia, as it was by the colonial administration.

2. Tamale’s urban process was the result of the incidence between motorised transportation and local entrepreneurship, not directly, colonial administration.

3. Tamale lacks a traditional core, despite attempts by the colonial administration to create one.

4. Tamale’s lack of traditional core resulted in an institutional anatomy defined largely by multiplicity – institutional multiplicity.

5. When colonial cities outlive the colonial period, they continue to be colonial cities.

6. The African rate of urbanisation, although the fastest in the world, is comparable to that of both Europe and the United States, when each had a comparable urban population (around 45% of the total population).

7. Africa’s cities threaten to serve as Africa’s next great tragedy. They also provide the greatest potential for positive change.

8. The historiography of African cities is in its infancy, but will provide a major academic growth area in the foreseeable future.

9. A bad habit acquired by the character of the PhD. process, is that one is unlikely to ever go on holiday without taking at least some work.

10. It is not useful to regard any project as one’s ‘life’s work’, especially one’s PhD.

11. In order to integrate into the society in which one comes to live, it helps to learn its politics and its sports, and the relationship between the two.

12. Neglecting one’s family, on account of work, may be tempting, but it’s unlikely to make anyone happy.