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For a long time biographical research by sociologists, and »Western« sociology in general, have been almost exclusively focused on people born and living in the wealthy and more powerful Global North and its urban spaces. This volume is a contribution to recent attempts to change this overly narrow perspective. It centers on the biographical stories and histories of individuals as parts of larger groupings and groups, such as religious we-groups, on the interplay between individual and collective processes and the intertwining of collective discourses and stories told by individuals. The geographical focus of this book is on Africa and the Middle East.

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