

Victims and Perpetrators in/and Internet Scammed Deals: The Case of Cameroonian Urban Youths

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In his book chapter titled *Evolués and Feymen: Old and new figures of modernity in Cameroon*, in Geschiere, Meyer and Pels' Readings in Modernity in Africa (2008), Basile Ndjio mentions that due to their predicament of continuous marginalization, Cameroon urban youths invent new opportunities to enrich themselves. Most of them become urban tricksters (*feymen*).

In the same way, this paper highlights new engagements; new opportunities through internet in cities in Cameroon, where young urban dwellers purport trans-national romantic relationships using facebook to gain the trust of their victims. The victims are often preyed into scams of "genuine love" and business deals which as soon they are ripe on the advantage of perpetrators, victims wire fabulous sums of money through currency transfer and exchange services such as Western Union, Money Gram, Exchange Union.

The aim of this presentation is to stress on the dynamics and new trends of cyber crime through false (internet) love and scammed business deals among Cameroonian youths and their Western counterparts (often victims).