

To

Paula Girshick Ben-Amos

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I have in hands, and I've bought it in Amazon Internet Bookstore, your book *"Art, Innovation, and Politics in Eighteenth-Century Benin."*

I have also read it, and a very few items I would like to refer to you, in a future e-mail, in case you may be interested, and you may have time to spare for it.

I'm Brazilian, I've been many times in Africa, and I'm concerned in some issues related to the Kingdom of Benin.

One issue that may be of your interest is a story of a certain Prince who lived here in Brazil, in my hometown (Porto Alegre - RS State), who claimed as he lived (he died in 1935) being part of a Western Kingdom.

I do hope you will answer this e-mail opening a door for an eventual exchange of issues.

Regards,

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