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Violations of the human rights of migrants by Maghreb states, the European Union and several of its Member States.

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Former Minister of Culture and Tourism, Aminata Dramane Traoré is credited with founding 'Migrances', an annual gathering that has been held in Bamako at the Amadou Hampaté Ba Centre since 2006, featuring passionate pleas against the war on migrants forced into hiding by the cynical world order she denounces in her various essays. She has published L'étau ou l'Afrique dans un monde sans frontières (The Vice or Africa in a World Without Borders), Le viol de l'imaginaire (The Rape of the Imagination), L'Afrique humiliée (Humiliated Africa) with Nathalie MDela Mounier and, with Boubacar Boris Diop, La gloire des imposteurs (The Glory of Impostors). In 2004, she received the Prince Klaus Prize for Culture and the Blue Planet Prize in 2021.



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