

The future is on the right bank, thinking about the left bank is being part of the past.
Hamidou Magassa

Rail Da, the fetishized umbilical cord.
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The left bank is « Bamako's stomach », the place which concentrates power and trade, the right bank is « Bamako's head », a mainly residential space.
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Informal trade is not an epiphenomenon. It represents a constant element of the city and a strong factor of social cohesion and stability.
Moussa Diakité

Bamako is a mushroom city.
Bakari Kamian

Trade is the vital fonction of the City.
Moussa Diakité

Bamako, the crocodiles' pond.
Bakari Kamian

Step by step, Bamako is climbing on the hills, is diving in ravines, and is pouring on the right bank.
Bakari Kamian

Urban planning in Bamako : there's no pilote in the plane, there is no crew in charge of maintenance.
Abdoulaye Deyoko, director of ESIAU

The river could be used as a structural way of transport, but for the moment it remains a simple idea.
Djibril Sidibé

Informal trade is leading the formal one.
Hamidou Magassa

Bamako's future is filling me with despair.
Bakari Kamian

The Malian economy is dominated, not by industrial firms, but by services companies, overdeveloped by the trade sector.
Moussa Diakité

With bridges, Bamako's inhabitants have crossed the river but have never stopped.
Hamidou Magassa

What do these comments tell you about Bamako and its growth?