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Western determinism has developed a fundamentally victimizing female ontology, reducing the female condition to male.

Despite the richness and diversity of their contribution to the global history of women, the experience of Sub-Saharan African women remains marginalized. Even today, in contexts deconstructed by the colonialism that stripped them of their former prerogatives, Sub-Saharan women are characterised by their dynamism and authority. Without the need to produce theories, they speak another language that they must rediscover and share. Léonora Miano challenges Western tradition by proposing the existence of this "other language": the unique speech that emerges when we define ourselves as and for ourselves, and not in reaction to others' negative actions upon us.

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