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The trouble with monogamy: companionate marriage and gendered suspicions in Bamako, Mali

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Monogamy remains highly problematic as a marital ideal for most people in Mali. While it does appeal to men and women alike, the prospect of a legally binding pledge of monogamy arouses a host of strongly gendered suspicions and antagonisms. This tension highlights women's low expectations both of male sexual fidelity and of the rule of law under the contemporary Malian state. The result is that polygyny continues to shape choices, discourses and practices pertaining to marriage in Bamako.

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