

Building Nations, Making Worlds, Creating Subjects: European Languages in Postcolonial Africa

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How can we understand the history of European languages in postcolonial Africa? Half of all African countries today designate English as an official language; Angolans who speak Portuguese at home outnumber the Portuguese in Portugal itself; and Kinshasa now has more French speakers than Paris. Of course, these facts alone tell us little without proper contextualization, but they provoke a wide array of questions concerning the histories of colonization, decolonization, and globalization.

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