

5. Post|Colonial Transitions

Episode 1: (Post)Colonialism: Historical & Present

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Learning objectives

1. Create awareness of the colonial character of world history that shapes our present reality;
2. Forge an understanding about colonial politics of European nations and the resultant impact on colonized societies;
3. Bring forth the relations between coloniality and modernity;
4. Impart an in-depth understanding of how colonialism and neocolonialism continues to influence the different aspects of former colonies through overt and covert control on economy, politics, education, social and legal system.

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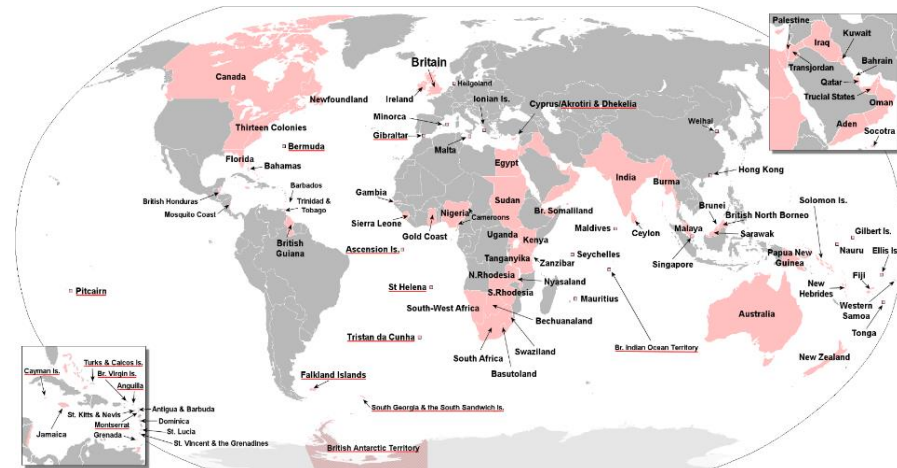


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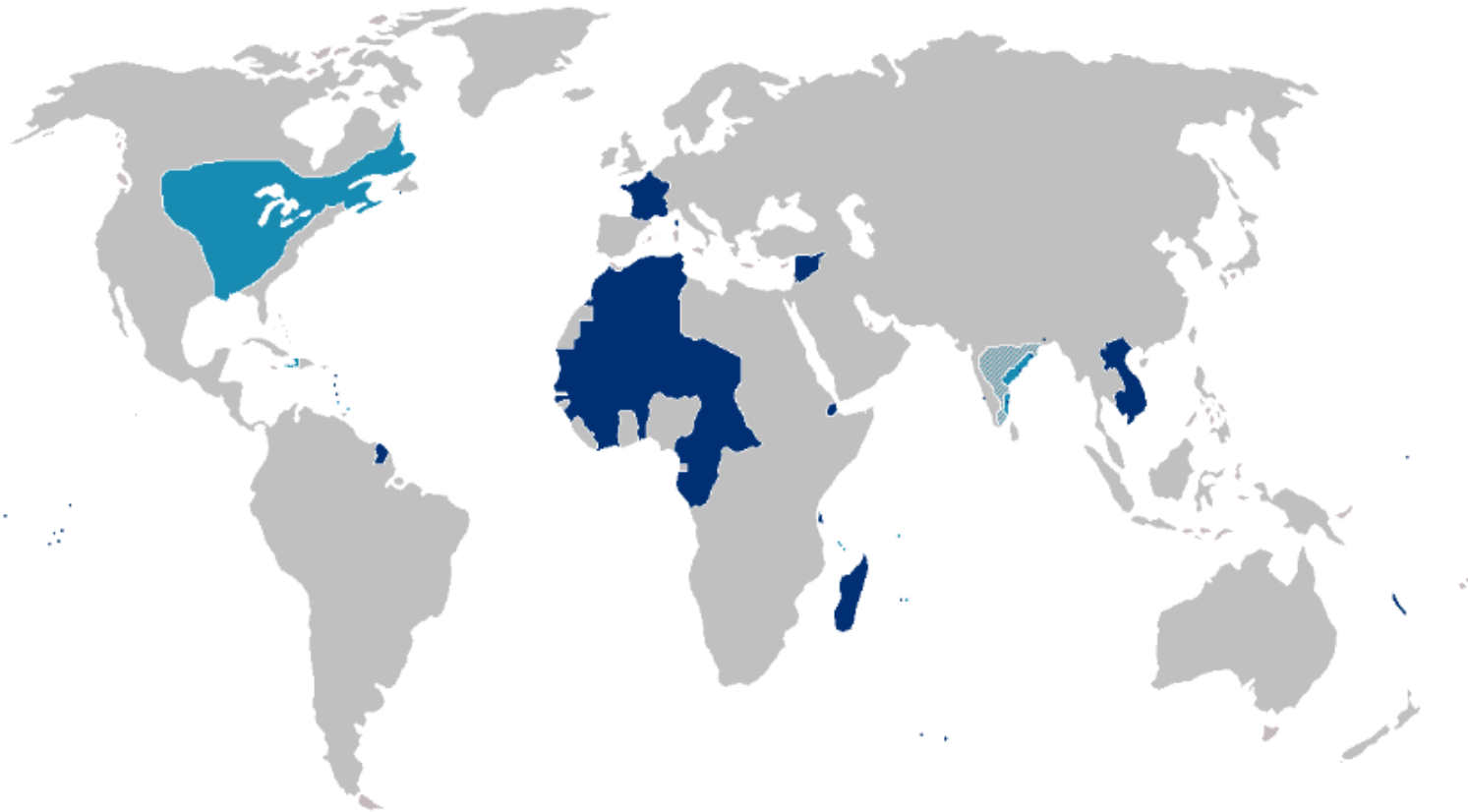


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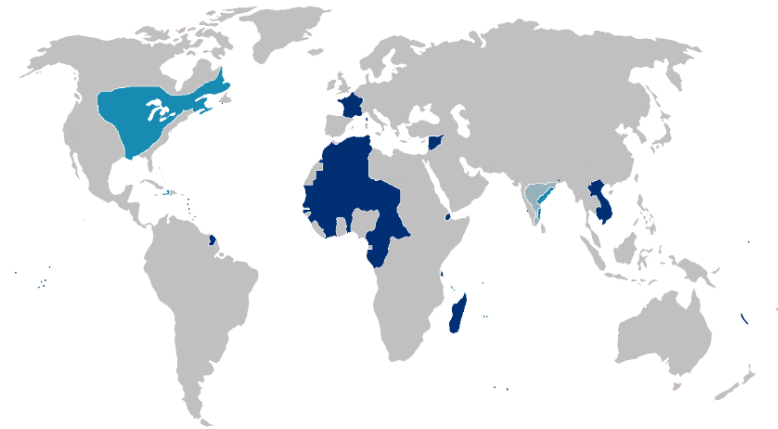


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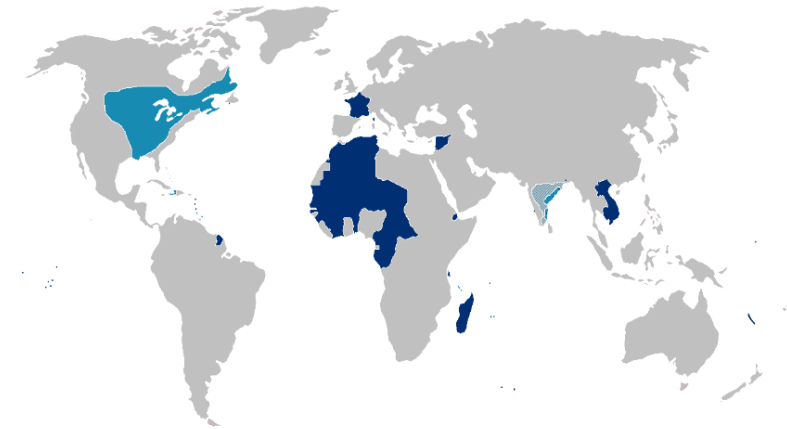


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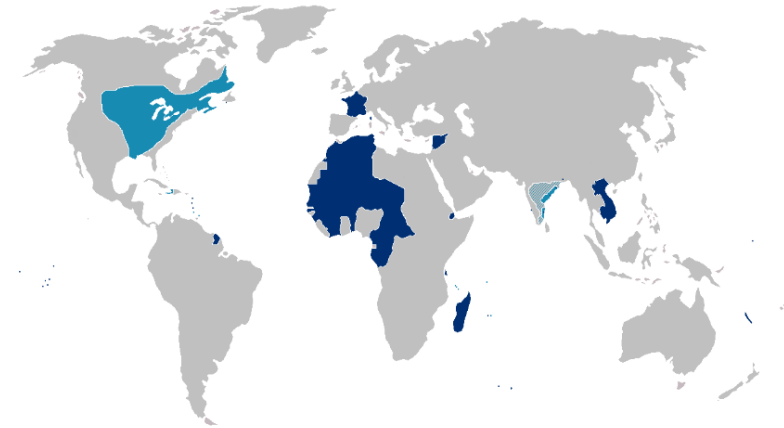


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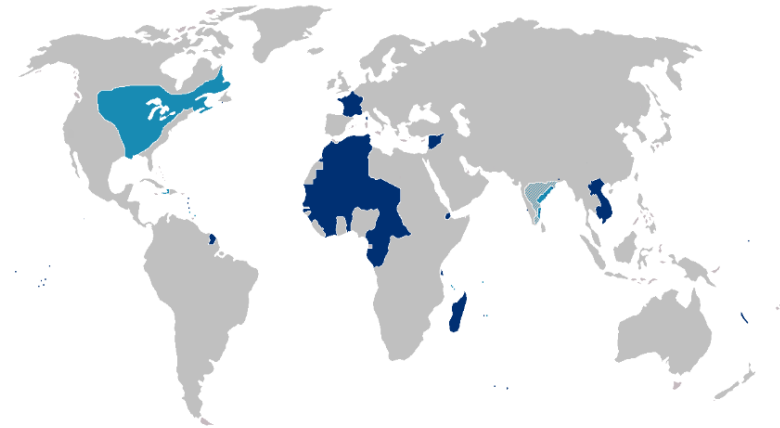


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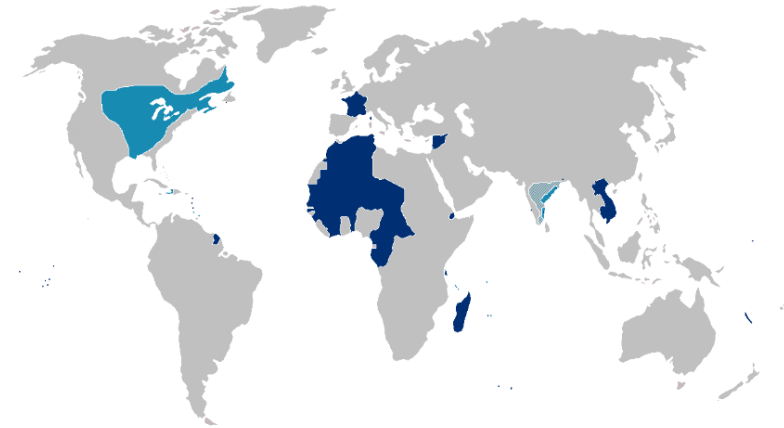


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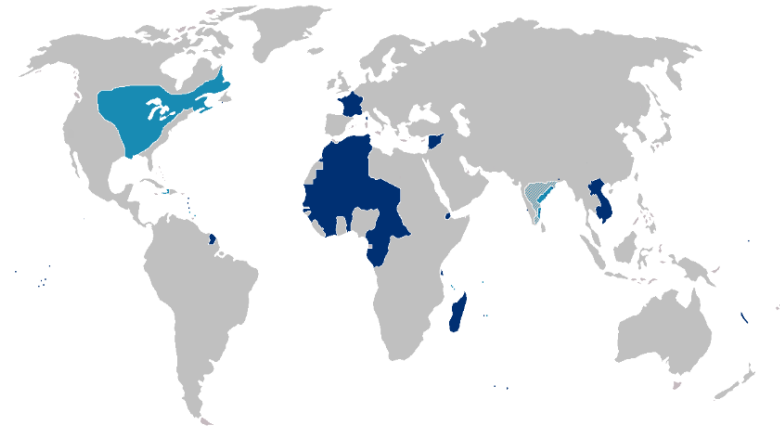


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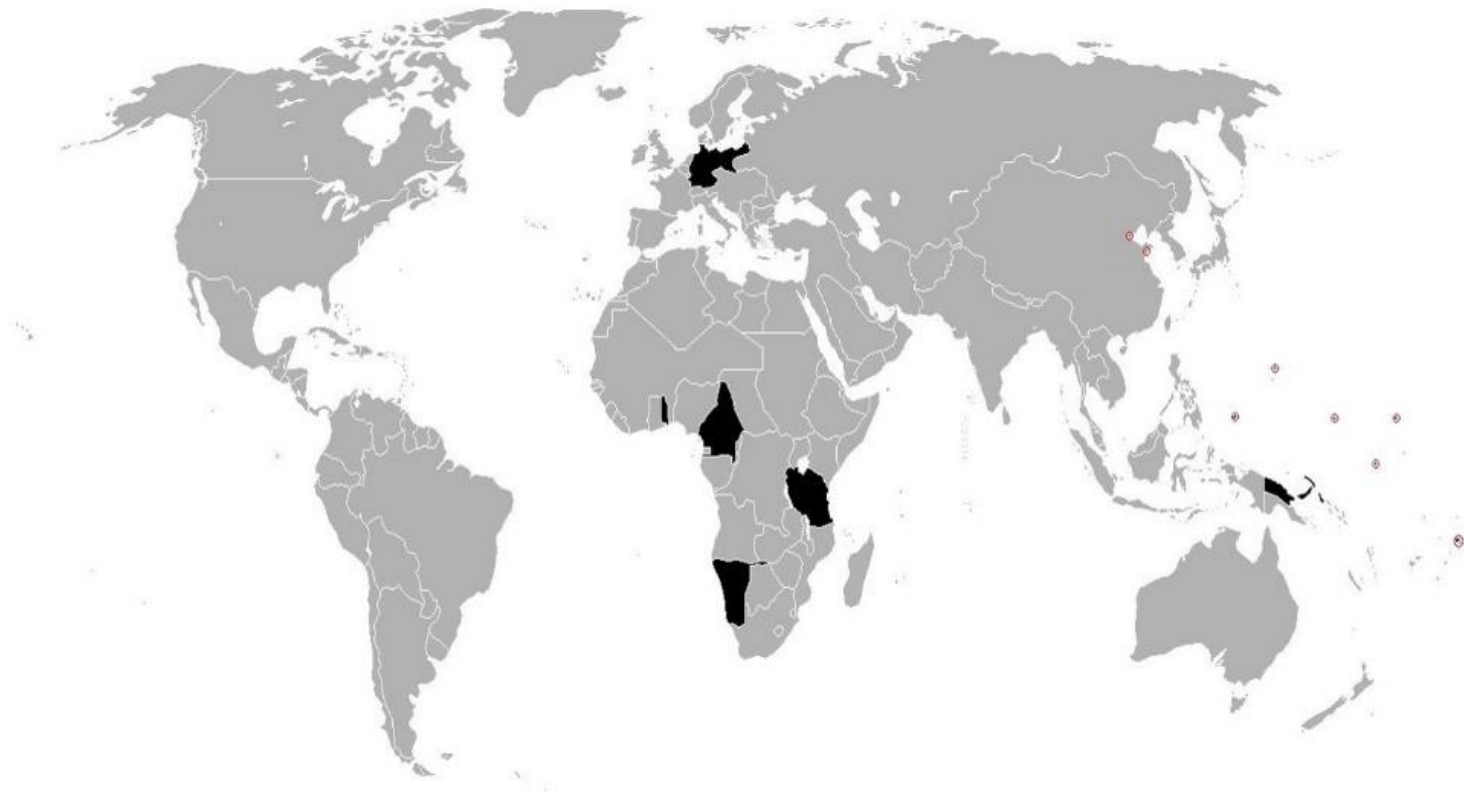


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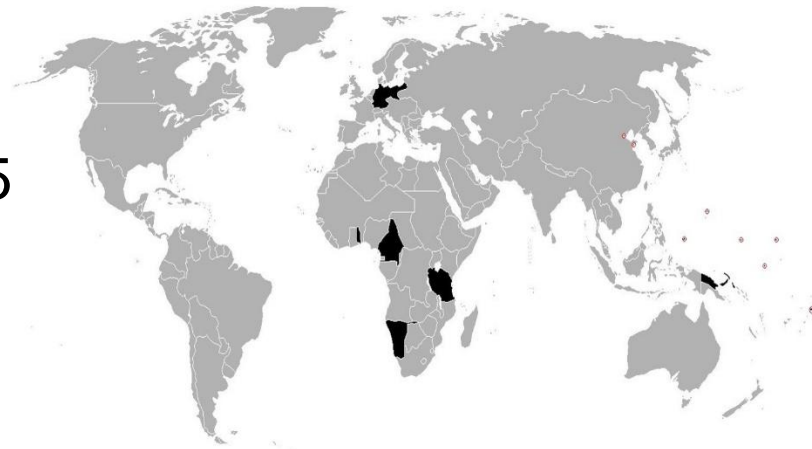


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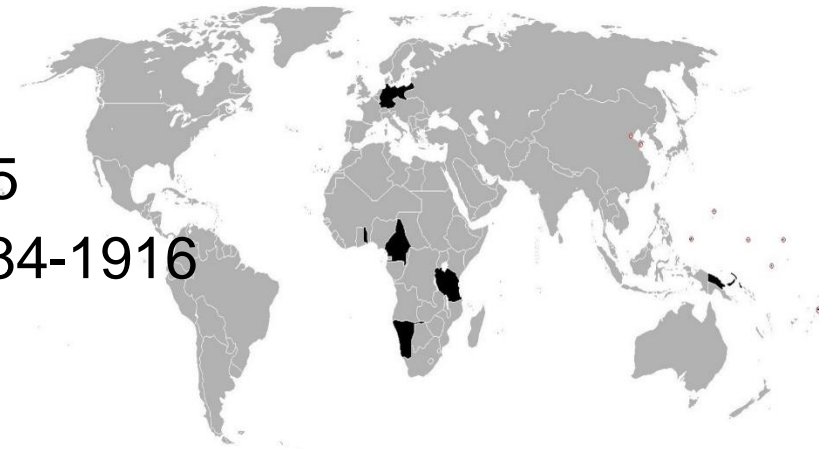


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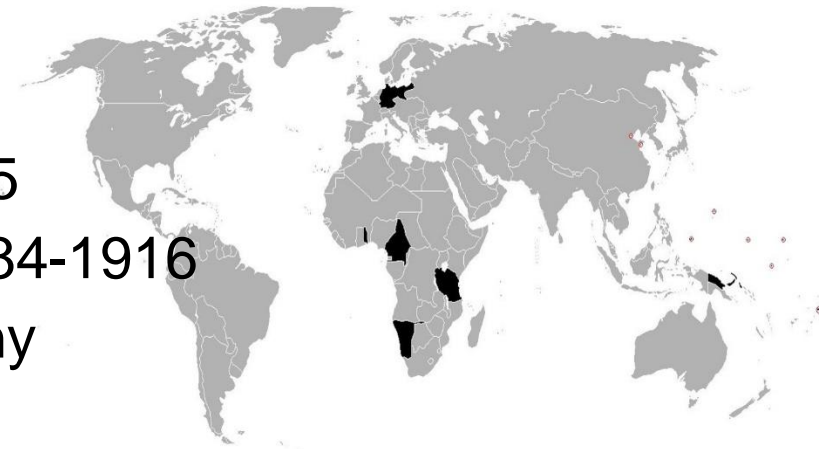


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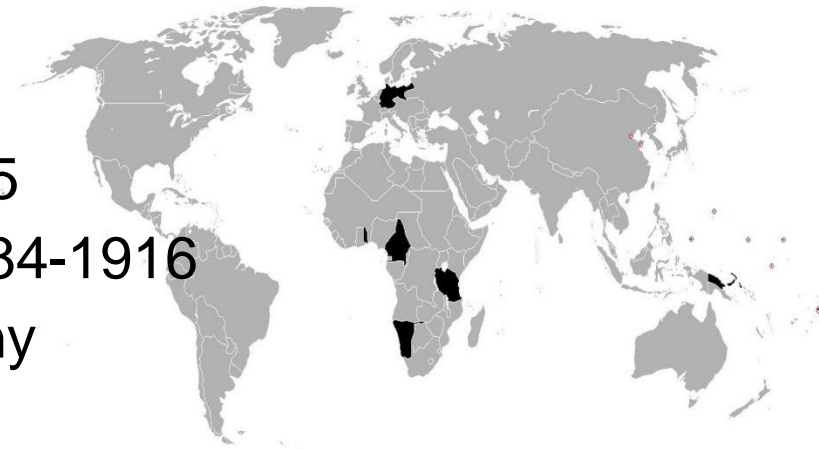


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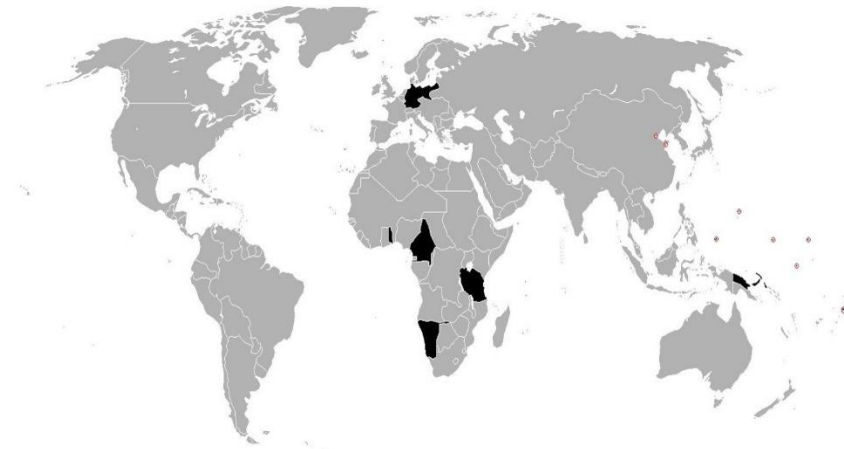


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- **Cameroon:** coastal Duala people were gradually dispossessed; largest plantation colony in Western Africa: cocoa, rubber and palm oil from Northern hinterland
- **Togo:** mainly trade colony; few German settlers along coast; production of palm oil
- **German East Africa:** Deutsch-Ostafrikanische Handelsgesellschaft gained land and trading rights, increasing dispossession of people and plantations (cotton, sisal), brutal submission of **Maji-Maji rebellion** 1905-08, following hunger epidemic and 300.000 dead among the local population
- **PNG:** few German settlers; continuous risk of malaria; plantations (rubber, copra) often brutally exploited local and hijacked workers, strict colonial administration and "Strafexpeditionen" of Schutztruppe
- **Samoa:** "Perle der Südsee", only prestige object; little colonial intervention with local beliefs, culture, language
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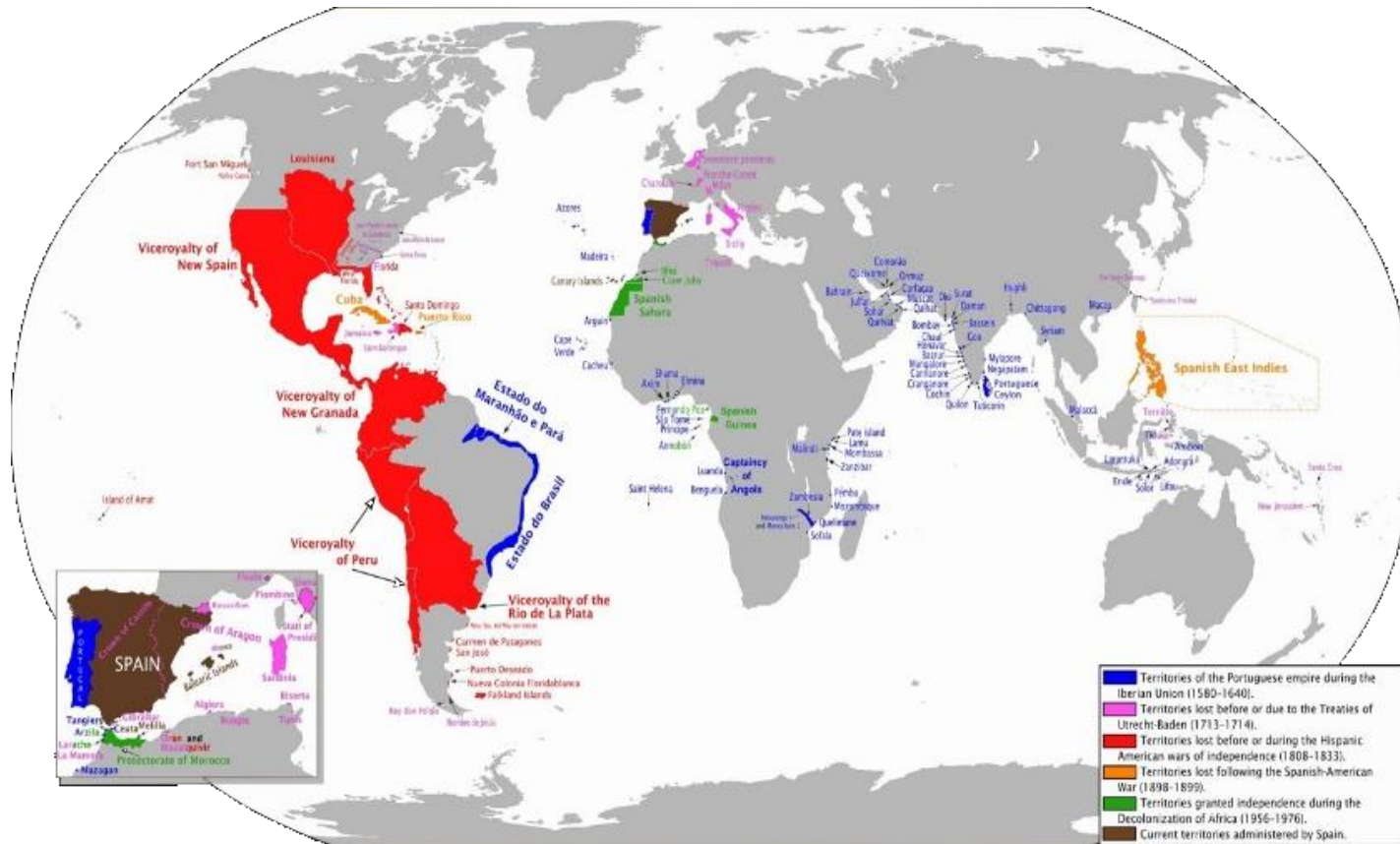


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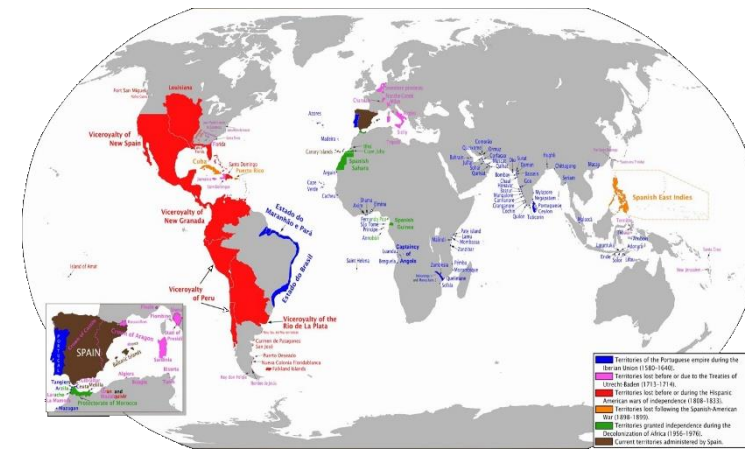


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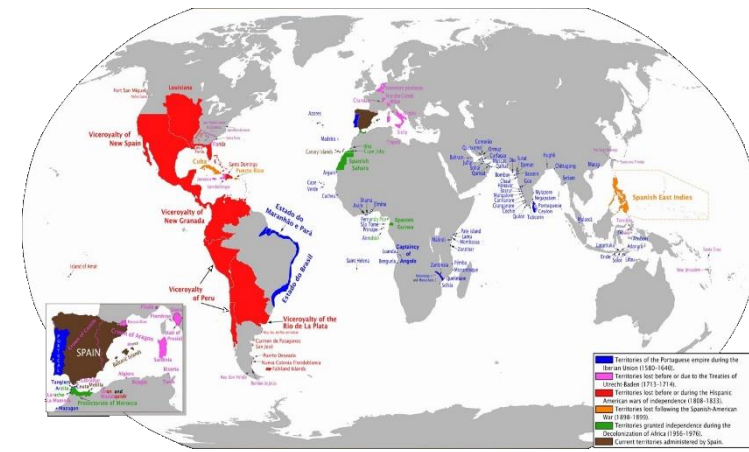


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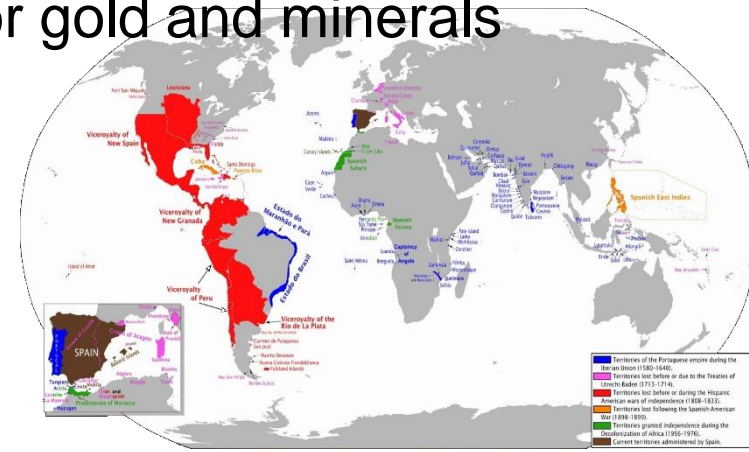


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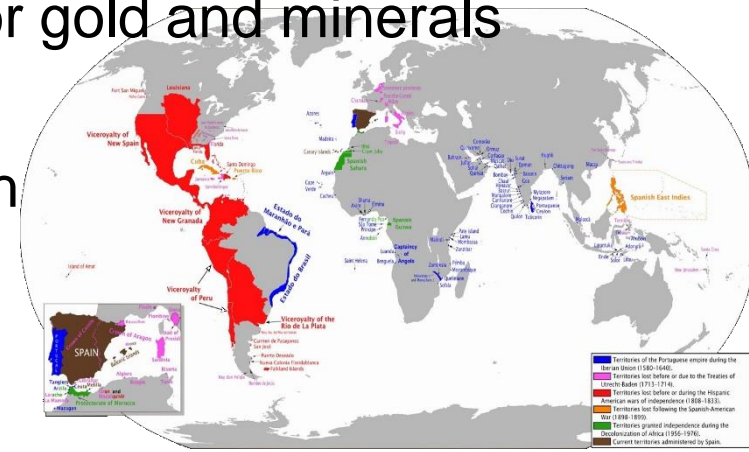


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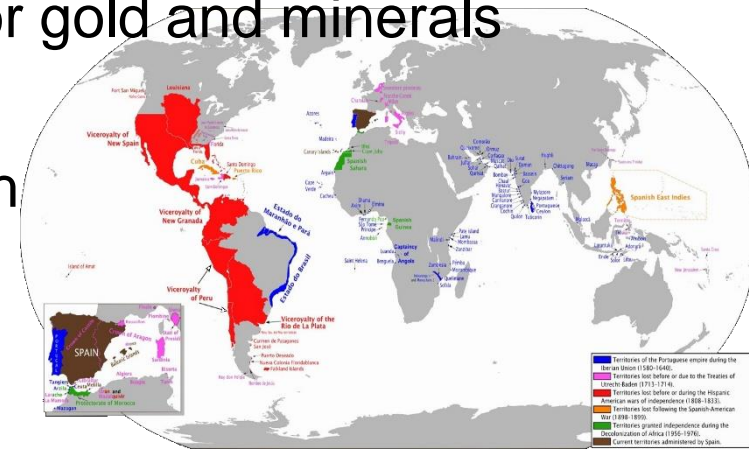


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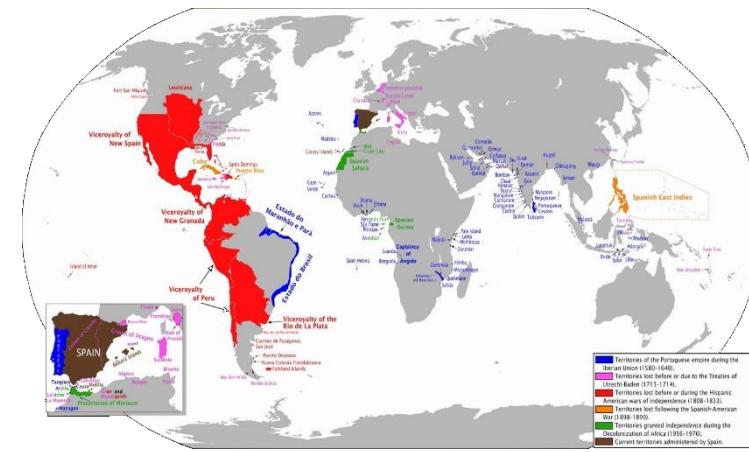


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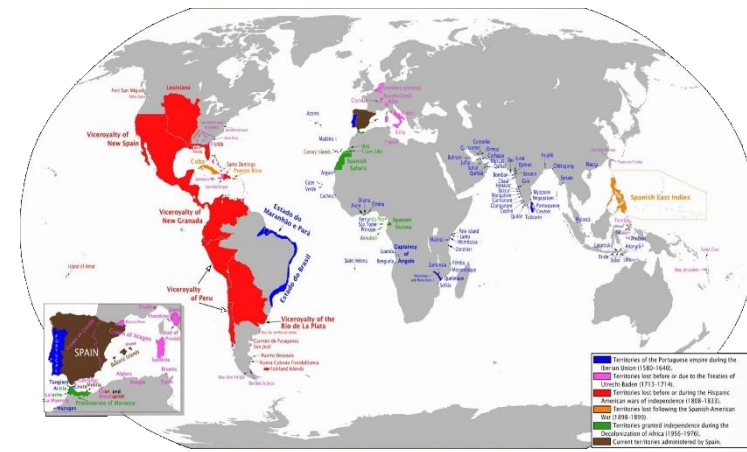


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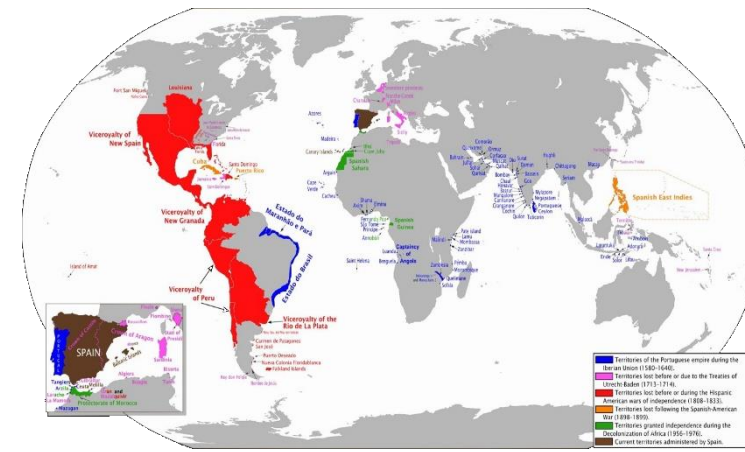
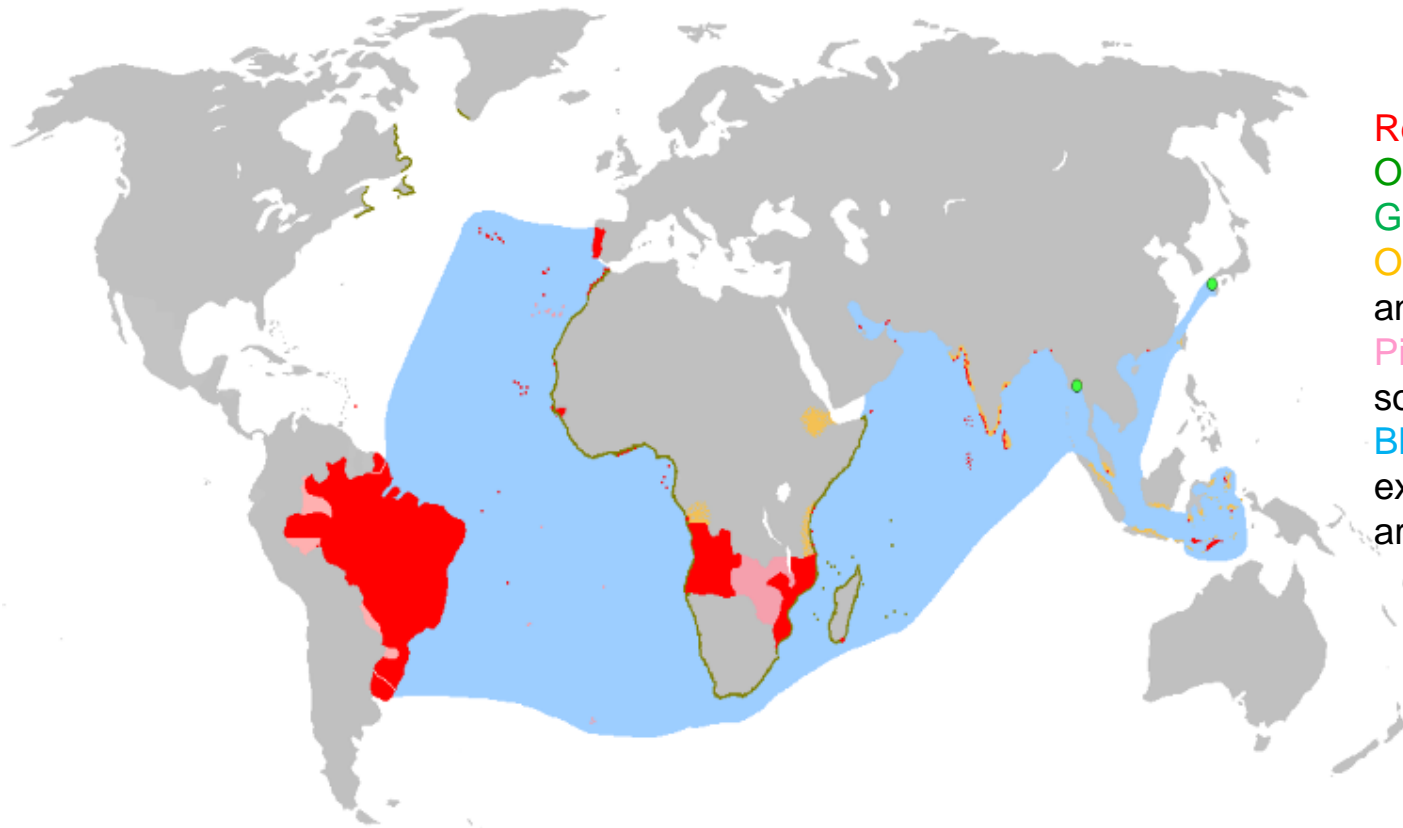


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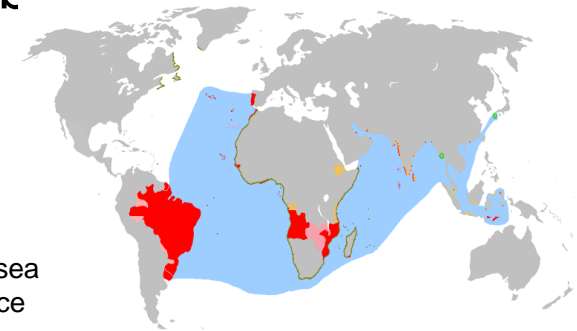


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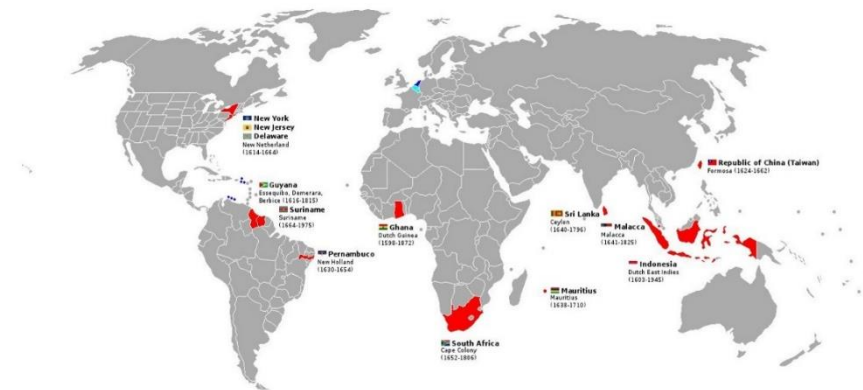


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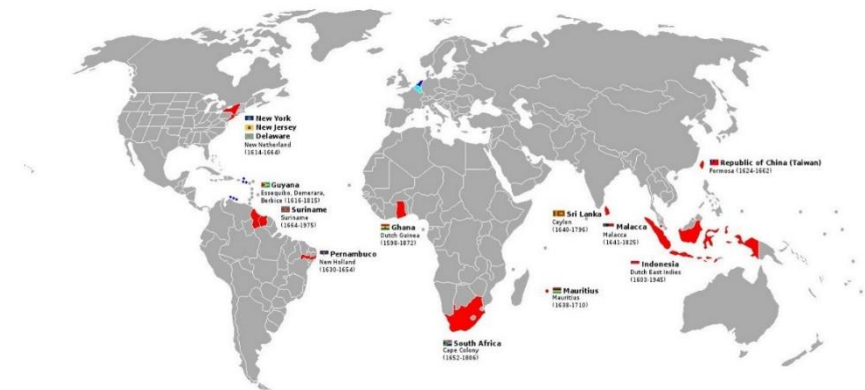


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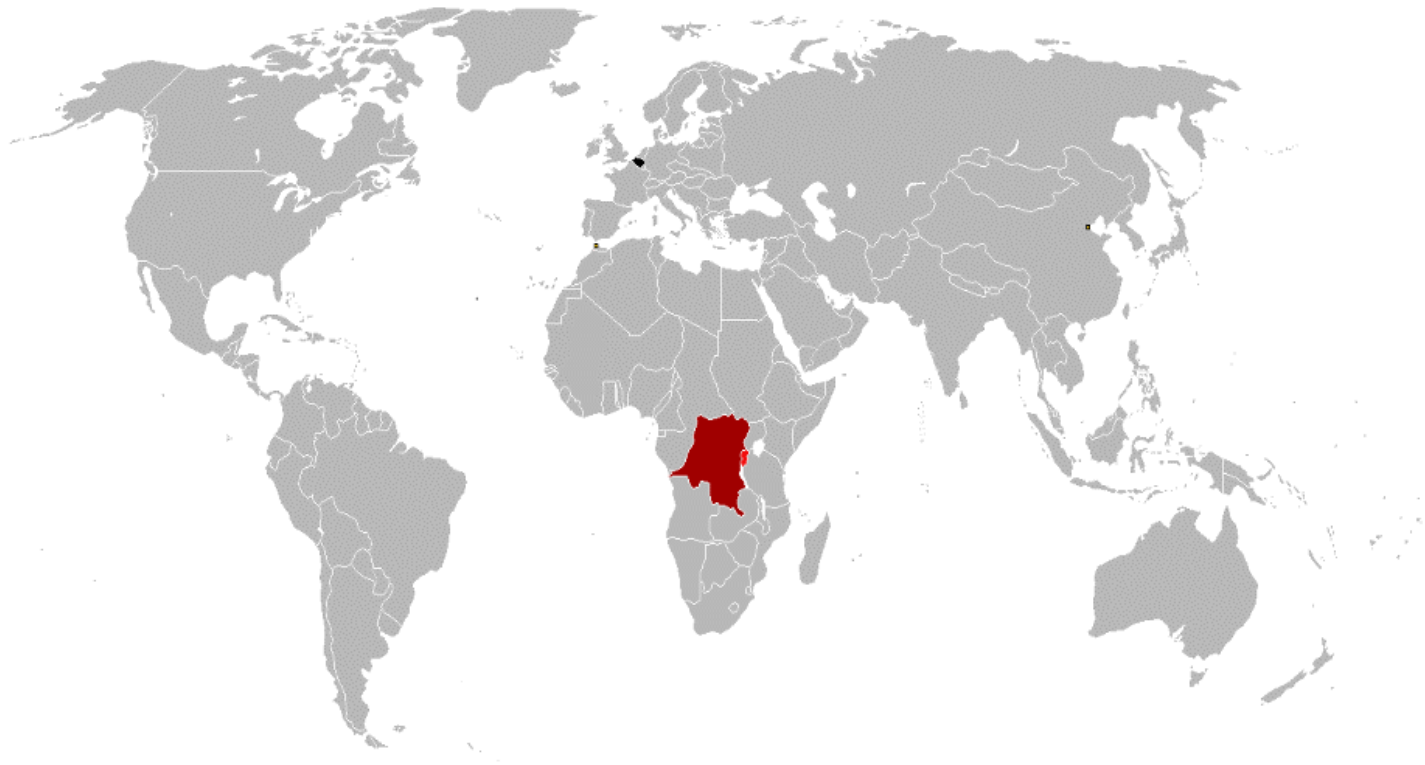


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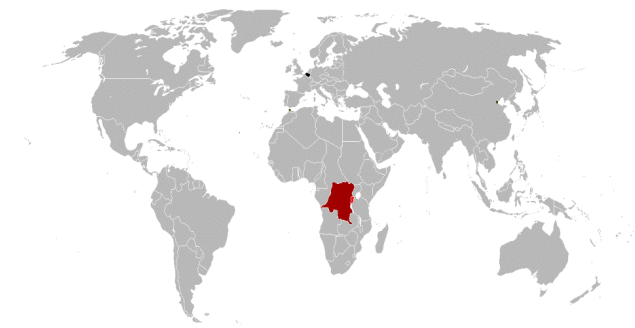


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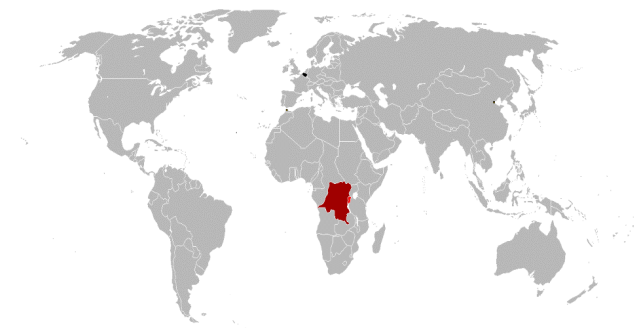


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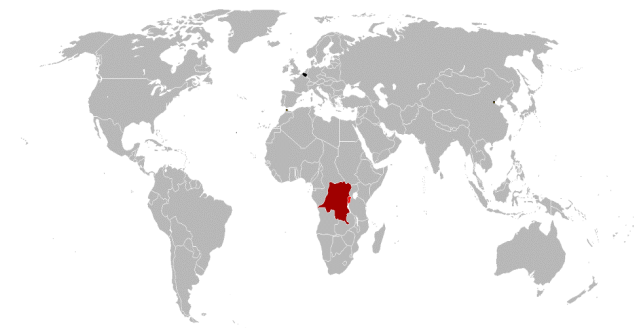


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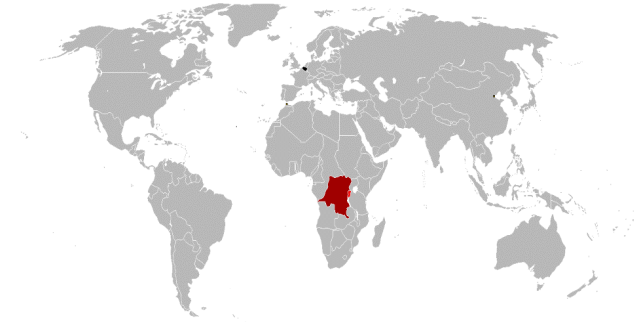


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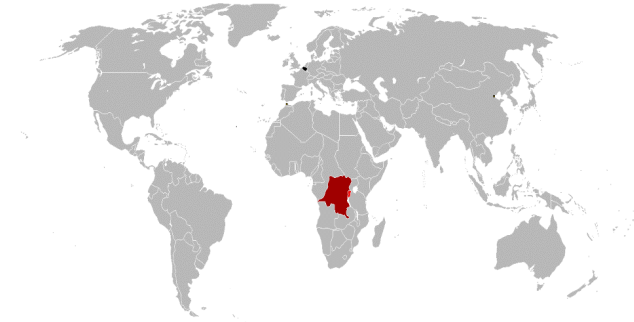


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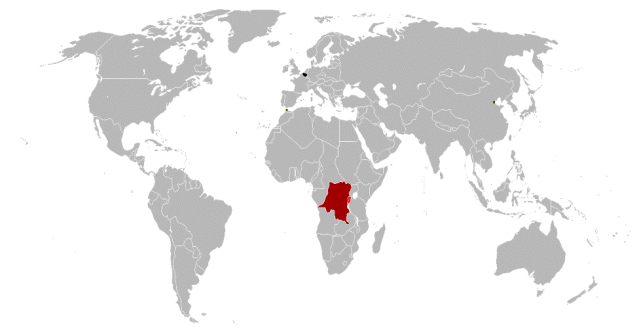


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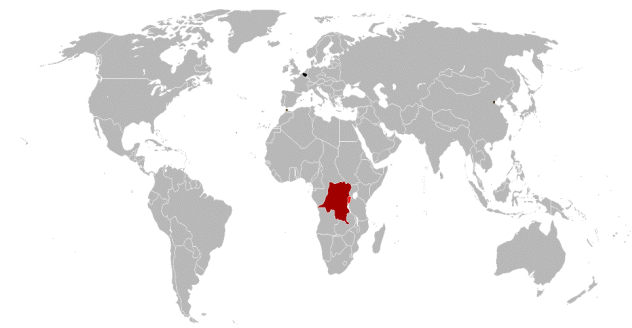


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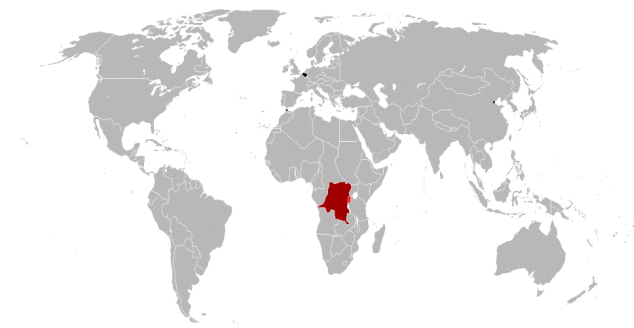


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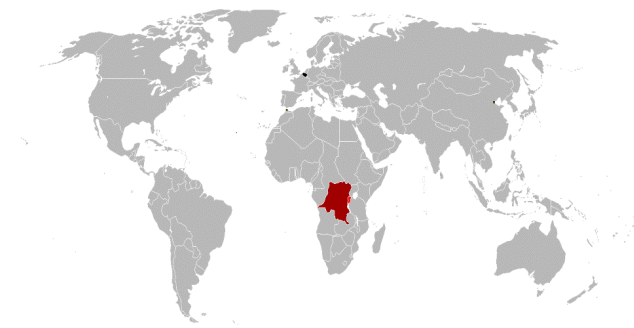


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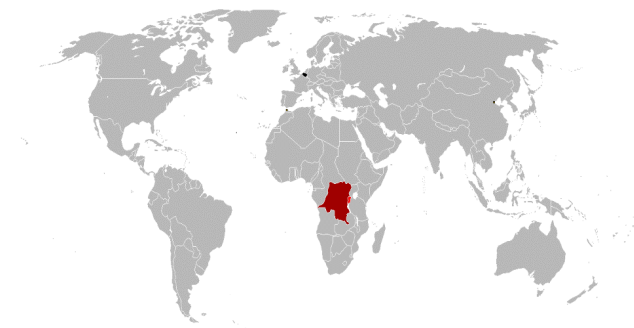


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