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# **Colonialism, Neo-Colonialism, and What to Make of France's and China's Competing Roles in Africa in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

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Dr. Bishop will discuss France's postcolonial attempts to maintain economic, political, and even military influence across much of its former African colonial empire, how that influence has waned in recent decades, and the role China has played both in hastening France's diminished influence and in establishing its own ascendant influence across the continent. We will examine where and how France has managed to maintain good relations and where and how it has squandered such goodwill, and then compare China's meteoric rise in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including both praise for being a "Global South ally and role model" and criticism for being a "neo-colonialist hegemonic power."

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