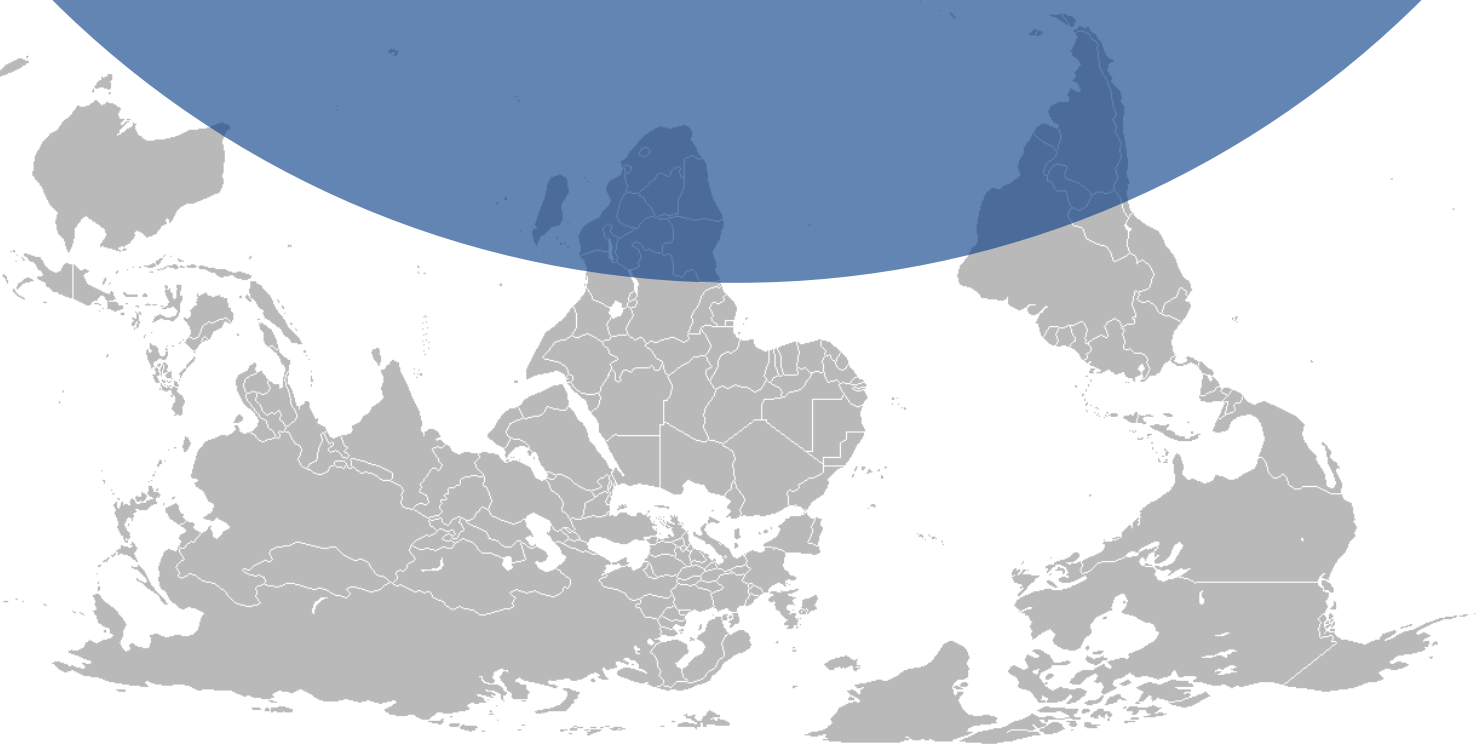


»The European Border in Africa - Colonial Maps, Postcolonial Walls and Decolonized Spaces in Hispanophone African Literature«

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In June 2022, the Spanish enclave Melilla made it once more to the headlines when numerous migrants died in a particularly deadly incident at one of Europe’s land borders to Africa. It is a border shaped by a notorious, almost insurmountable fence that, like few other walls, represents what is frequently called the “Fortress Europe” and her “fight” against migration from Africa. This border is one relic of Europe’s colonial conquests on postcolonial territory and of an imperial (re-)mapping of the African continent implemented in the past but leaking to the present in terms of a post/colonial border regime and spatiality that keeps impacting 21st century migratory routes. Julia Borst explores how the temporalities of post/colonial borders in Africa are challenged in Hispanophone African literature. She analyzes how texts resist the colonial obsession to classify, measure and subordinate the African continent and use strategies of symbolic de-mapping to suspend post/colonial borders and decolonize the narrated space.