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In 1893, a group of colonial officials from thirteen countries abandoned their imperial rivalry and established the International Colonial Institute (ICI), which became the world's most important colonial think tank of the twentieth century. Through the lens of the ICI, Florian Wagner argues that this international cooperation reshaped colonialism as a transimperial and governmental policy. The book demonstrates that the ICI's strategy of using indigenous institutions and customary laws to encourage colonial development served to maintain colonial rule even beyond the official end of empires. By selectively choosing loyalists among the colonized to participate in the ICI, it increased their autonomy while equally delegitimizing more radical claims for independence. The book presents a detailed study of the ICI's creation, the transcolonial activities of its prominent members, its interactions with the League of Nations and fascist governments, and its role in laying the groundwork for the structural and discursive dependence of the Global South after 1945.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AA	Auswaertiges Amt, Berlin (German Foreign Ministry)
AGRB	Archives Générales du Royaume Belge, Brussels (Belgian National Archives)
AMAEB	Archives du Ministère des Affaires Étrangères Belges/Archives Africaines, Brussels (Archives of the Belgian Foreign Ministry/African Archives)
AMEAF	Archives du Ministère des Affaires Étrangères, La Corneuve, Paris (Archives of the French Foreign Ministry)
ANOM	Archives Nationales D'Outre-Mer, Aix-en-Provence (National Overseas Archives, France)
AOF	Afrique Occidentale Française (French West Africa)
BArch	Bundesarchiv, Berlin (German Federal Archives)
BNF	Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris (French National Library)
CFS	État Indépendant du Congo (Congo Free State)
CGTT	Confédération générale des travailleurs tunisiens (General Confederation of Tunisian Workers)
CO	Colonial Office Archives, in National Archives, Kew
CSMSA	<i>Convegno di Scienze Morali e Storiche 1938, Tema: Africa</i> , Rome: RAI, 1938 (Congress of the Moral and Historical Sciences on Africa, 1938)
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
HZA	Hohenlohe Zentralarchiv, Neuenstein (Hohenlohe Central Archives)
ICI	Institut Colonial International (International Colonial Institute)
IfL	Archives Institut für Länderkunde, Leipzig (Archives of the Institute for Regional Geography)
ILO	International Labour Organization
INCIDI	Institut International des Civilisations Différentes (International Institute of Differing Civilizations)
IVVR	Internationale Vereinigung für Vergleichende Rechtswissenschaft und Volkswirtschaftslehre (International Association for Comparative Law and Political Economy)
KNPA	Kilimanjaro Native Planters' Association

LoN	Archives League of Nations, Palais des Nations, Geneva
PMC	Permanent Mandates Commission, League of Nations
RAI	Reale Accademia d'Italia
RAI, CSMSA	Reale Accademia d'Italia, ed., <i>Convegno di Scienze Morali e Storiche 1938, Tema: Africa</i> , Rome: RAI, 1938
RKA	Reichskolonialamt (German Colonial Ministry)
StaHa	Staatsarchiv Hamburg (Hamburg State Archives)
UCL	Archives de l'Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve (Archives of the Catholic University of Leuven)
ULCSH	Universiteitsarchieven, Leiden (Leiden University Archives), Collection Snouck Hurgronje
UN	United Nations
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization