You are cordially invited to join a guest lecture by

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From French to English.
The irrational rationality of Rwanda’s post-genocide language politics

In 2008, Rwanda’s government decided to change the language of instruction at secondary schools and universities from French to English. More than 70 years of Francophonie ended from one day to the other. This decision was to the same degree a symbolic rupture with the past as it was a re-positioning of the country in the East African Community (EAC). The talk will take a look at the reasons and consequences of this language political decision.

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