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# Introduction: Why to Study “The Portuguese *Escudo* Monetary Zone and its Impact in Colonial and Post-Colonial Africa”

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economic integration and monetary unions in a global perspective. The government decisions to join the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and simultaneously frame a Portuguese free trade area in the *Escudo* Monetary Zone is here analysed as a macro-political experiment in Africa.

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