



Identities in postcolonial transnational spaces –
Swahilité in the Comorian Diaspora in France

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African diaspora communities in Europe have grown considerably over the last two decades. They have become a visible part of European societies and in some countries ties to the diaspora have become crucially important for the country. This is certainly the case for the Republic of Comoros which has a huge part of its population living outside the country, mainly in France. Especially in the domain of sociocultural practices, members of the Comorian diaspora do create transnational spaces which shape their identities. In this presentation, we aim to explore to what extent and in which ways a notion of *Swahilité* is part of identity creation of Comorians living in France. The presentation will mainly consist of audio-visual material from field research in Bordeaux (2010, 2011) and Marseille (2012).