

## **The Political Factor in the Development of Education in East Africa, 1920s–1963**

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The history of education in East Africa dates back to the early 1900s. For decades authors have tried to archive this history. Most tend to present a general account. Drawing from archival research and other sources, this article focuses on two themes. First, it demonstrates that the political factor played an instrumental role in the development of education in East Africa. Second, it shows that this development came as a result of African agitation for education and as part of British imperial policy. It concludes by stating that this history of education cannot be discussed outside of the political context.