DECOLONIZING EDUCATION ABROAD
Colonial Affiliations Before 1945

- Independent before 1945
- Belgian
- Japanese
- French
- Spanish
- British
- Italian
- American
- Dependent states, 1968
- Dutch

Decolonization
What are some of the shared attributes of the postcolonial societies?

- Cultural complexity and multiple layers
- Transition to independence
- Linguistic implications
- Global and often part of a diaspora
- Homogeneity
- By definition temporal...
Students to Post-Colonial Countries, Total Enrollment

1,648 Students in 2015-16
The Implications for Education Abroad

• Cultural complexity ➔ Cultural comfort
• Transition to independence ➔ Modern democracy
• Linguistic implications ➔ United and divided by a limited common language
• Global and often part of a diaspora ➔ Deceptively modern
• Homogeneity ➔ Pure, “real” or insular
• By definition temporal ➔ Culture in transition
The “English Speaking” world
क्या समस्या है?

• India:
  – Official: 1<sup>st</sup> = Hindi, 2<sup>nd</sup> = English
    • 447 “living” languages
    • 30 spoken by more than a million native speakers
    • 122 by more than 10,000
Place, Position, and the Implications of “Post”

- 52% of US students abroad 14/15
- 46% of U of M Students in 14/15
- Consider framework
- Familiarize students with term
- Integrate discussion of the implications into curriculum