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The literature has emphasized the importance of Europeans in shaping institutions and human capital in the colonies. To date, there is accumulating evidence that colonial history, and in particular the identity of the colonizer, matters for development today. The human capital and the type of institutions brought by colonizers are added to other determinant like geography or culture.

At the core of the debate the question is to disentangle how colonization took place, versus who were the colonizers. There is also an interesting question concerning the possibility of interactions between different explanations.