



IMPACT OF COLONIALISM IN ABDULRAZAK GURNAH'S *AFTERLIVES*



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ABSTRACT

The novel Afterlives (2020) is the story of Hamza, Ilyas, Afiya and Khalifa, set during the colonial period of Germans and Britishers in the Eastern coast of Africa. The Germans were always engaged in the war with Britishers and due to this they had created a Schutztruppe which is a band of askari where native people were employed and their lives were sacrificed in the war; Hamza and elder Ilyas were the part of askari. Elder Ilyas had a positive attitude towards the German rule because he was brought up in the German farm and was educated and at the end of the novel, we get to know that he died in Germany campaigning to have the Nazi government back. Hamza was the victim of Oberleutenant's anger who had beat him to death and

his survival and marriage with Afiya later his connection with Frau in Germany to find out the information about his wife's brother Ilyas are briefly discussed. The novel is interwoven within the four characters and each character has different view about colonialism and we find the impact of colonialism in their mind and behavior throughout the novel.