

**A HISTORY OF URBAN PLANNING
IN TWO WEST AFRICAN COLONIAL CAPITALS**

**Residential Segregation in British Lagos
and French Dakar (1850-1930)**

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