

Language and Religion Are Tied to Patterns of Migration



Geographer's Perspective on Language

- Language transmits culture.
- Languages is perceptions. Attitudes, understandings, and responses are partly determined by the words available.
- Languages help define cultural diversity and distinct regions.

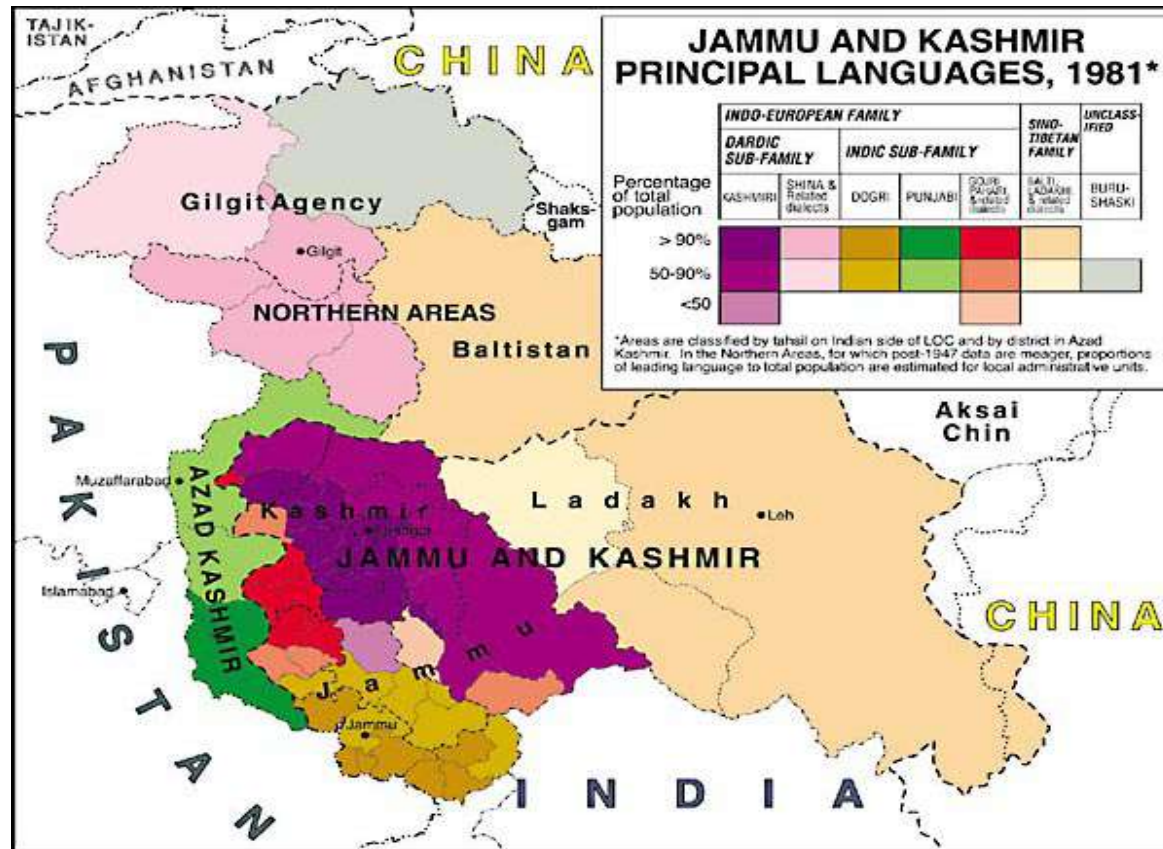
Salut ma belle quoi de neuf?



Hola nena, qué pasa!

Influences on the Distribution of Languages

The Complexities of Overlapping Languages



Language Diversity and Uniformity

- Preserving language diversity
 - *Hebrew: reviving extinct languages*
 - *Celtic: preserving endangered languages*
 - *Multilingual states: Switzerland, India*
 - *Isolated languages: examples in next slides*
- Global dominance of English
 - *English as a lingua franca*
 - *Diffusion to other languages: mass media, Internet!*

The Environment Provides Refuge

Examples of Linguistic Refuge Areas

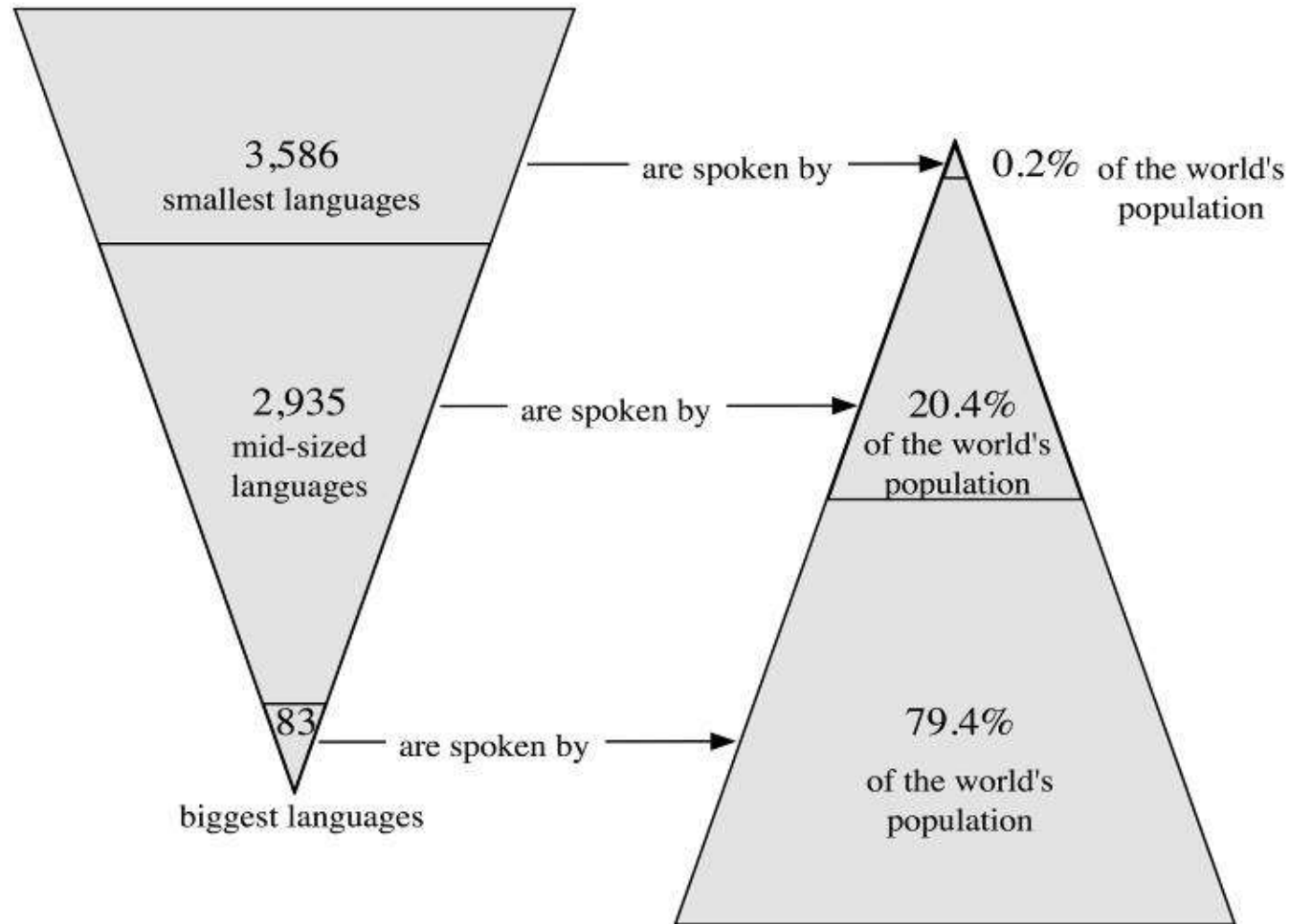
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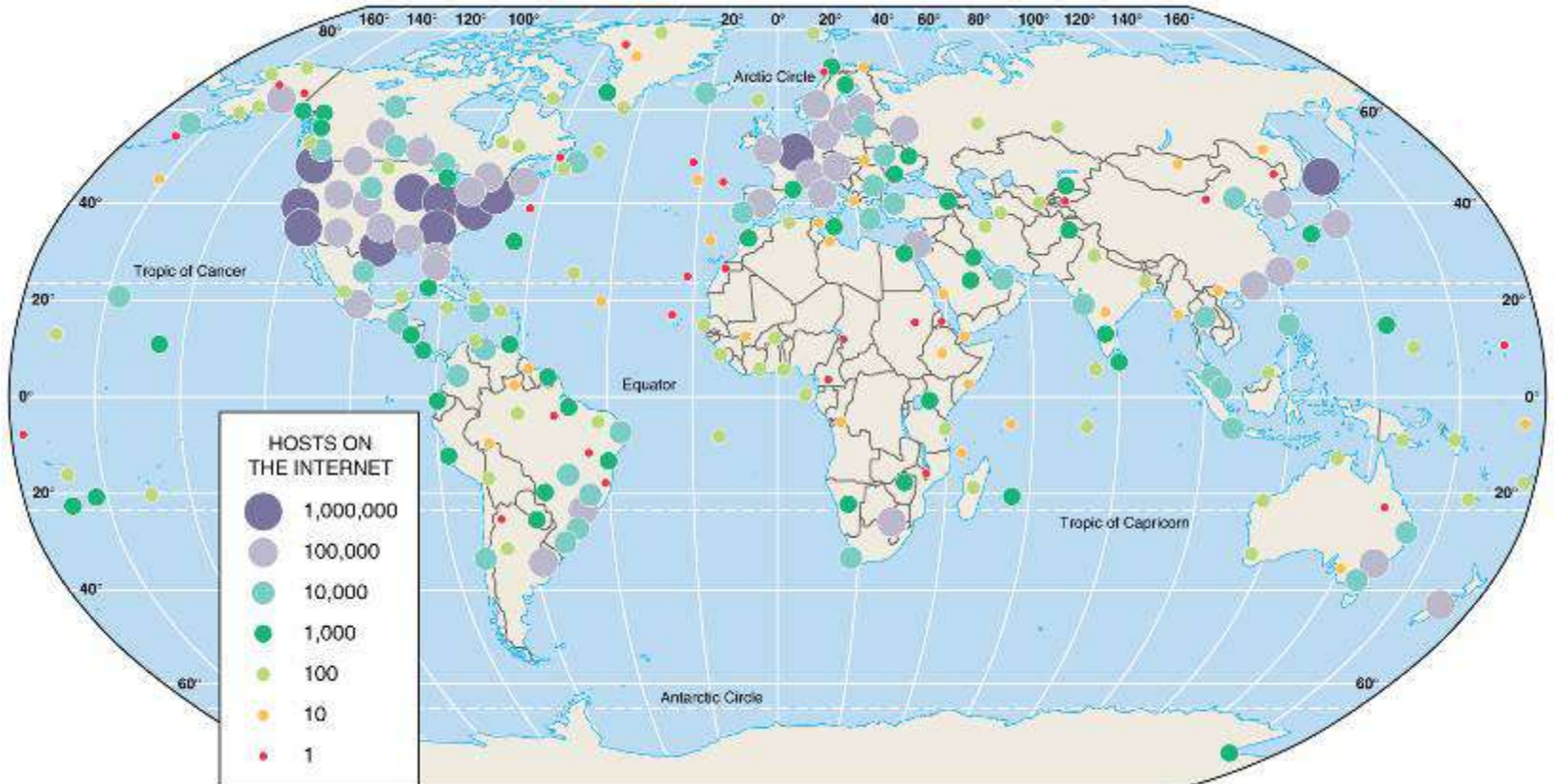
Linguistic Ecology

Languages

Speakers

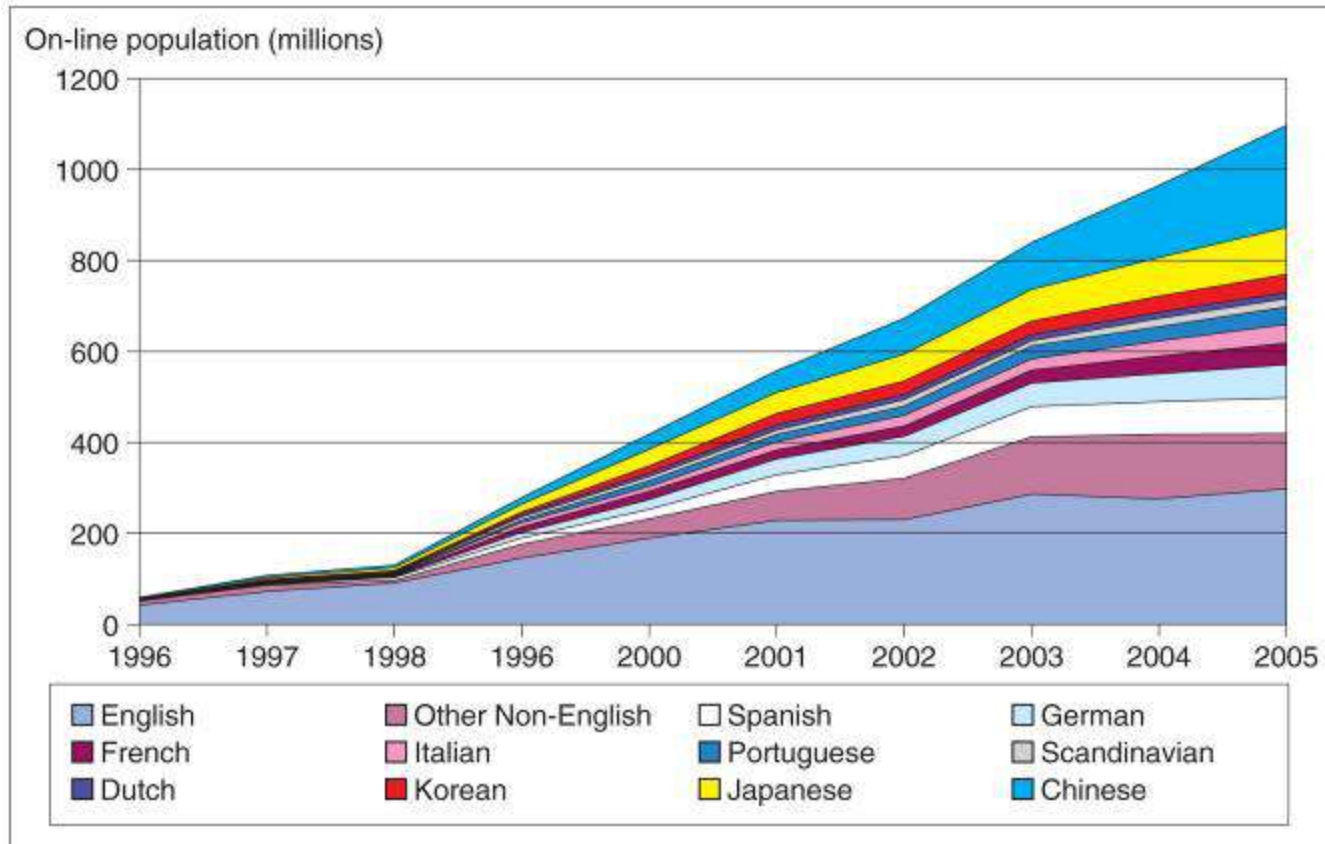


Internet Hosts



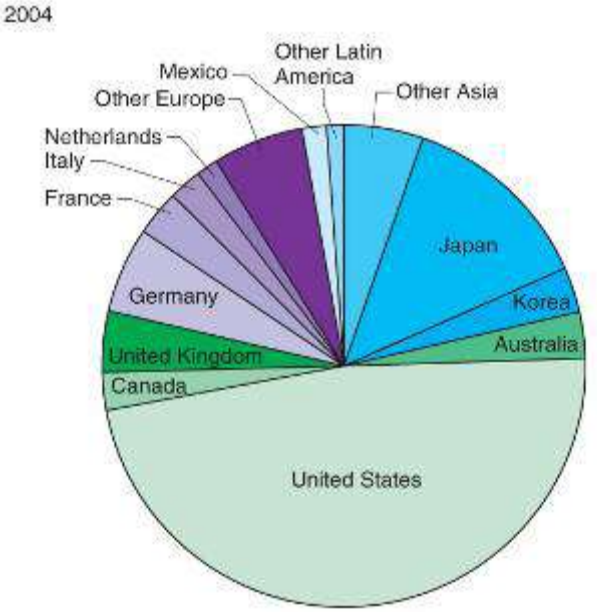
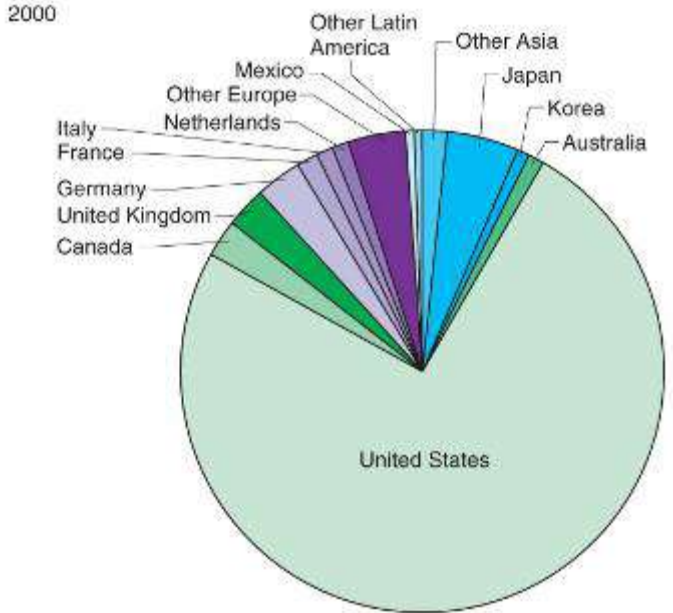
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Online Population, 1996 - 2005

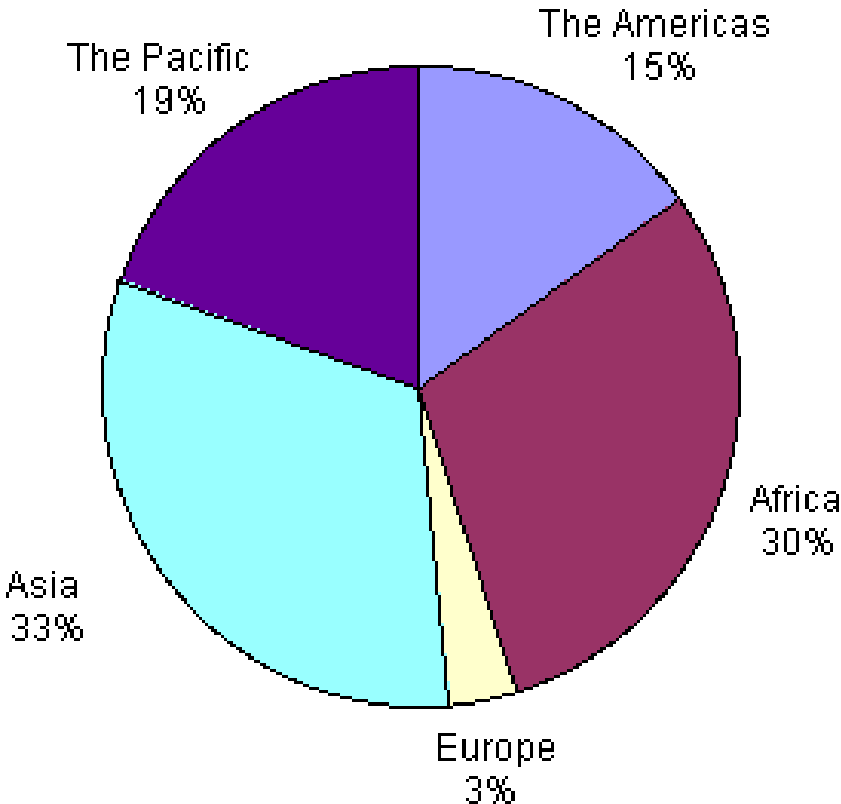


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E-Commerce Languages 2000 & 2004

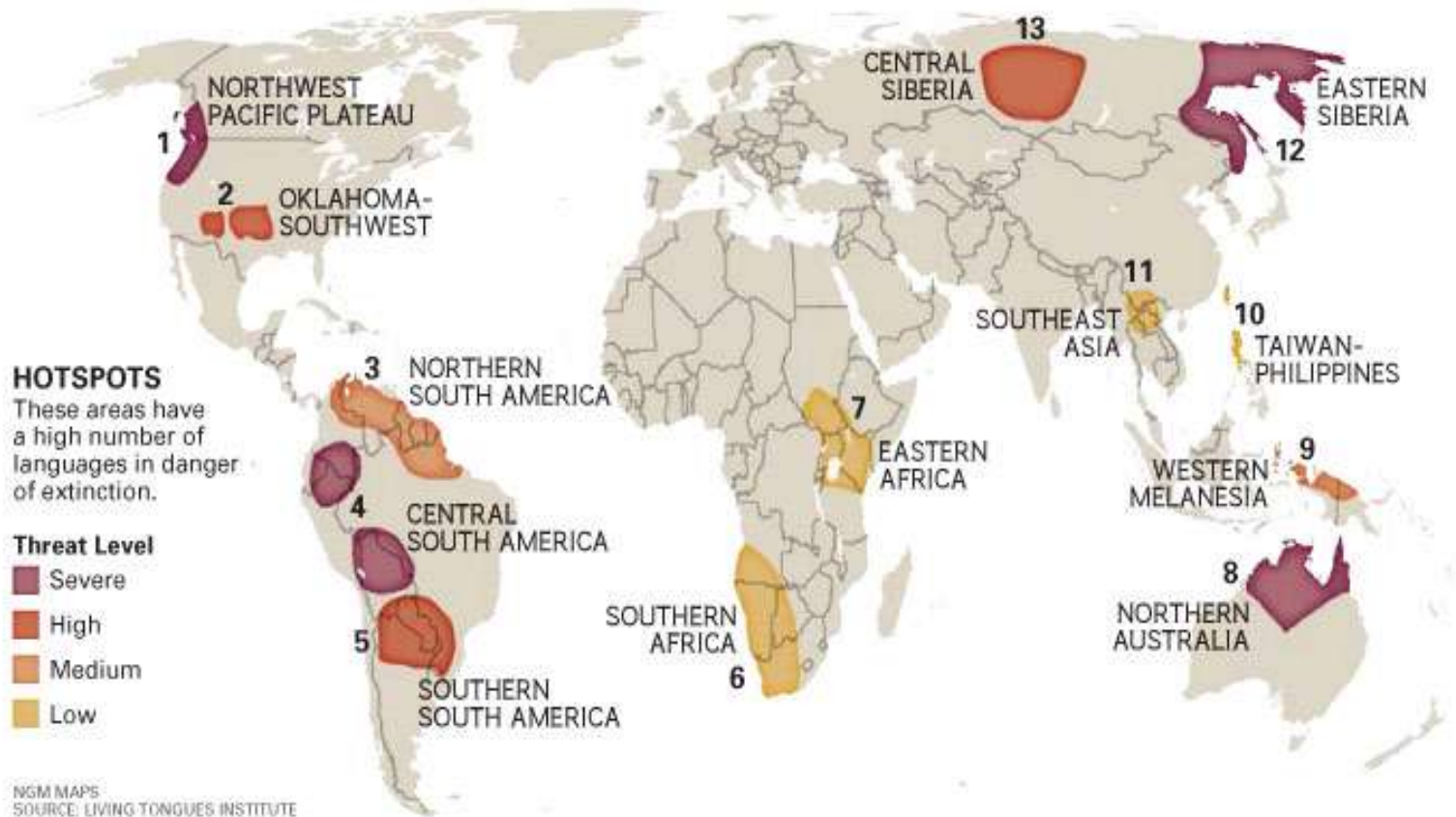


Over 6,000 Living Languages



Distribution of Languages by Area of Origin

Area	Living languages		Number of speakers			
	<i>Count</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>
Africa	2,092	30.3	675,887,158	11.8	323,082	25,391
Americas	1,002	14.5	47,559,381	0.8	47,464	2,000
Asia	2,269	32.8	3,489,897,147	61	1,538,077	10,171
Europe	239	3.5	1,504,393,183	26.3	6,294,532	220,000
Pacific	1,310	19	6,124,341	0.1	4,675	800
<i>Totals</i>	6,912	100	5,723,861,210	100	828,105	7,000

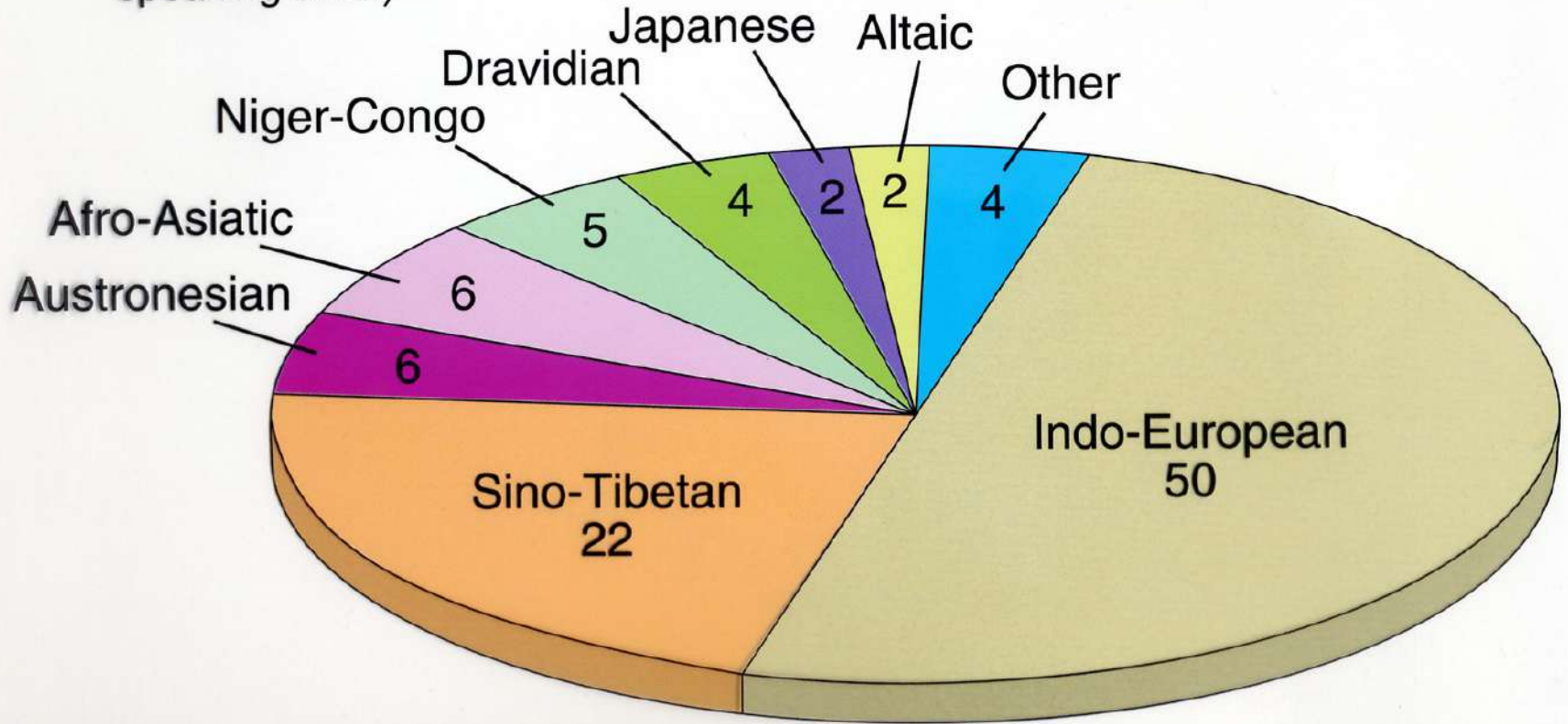


Classifications

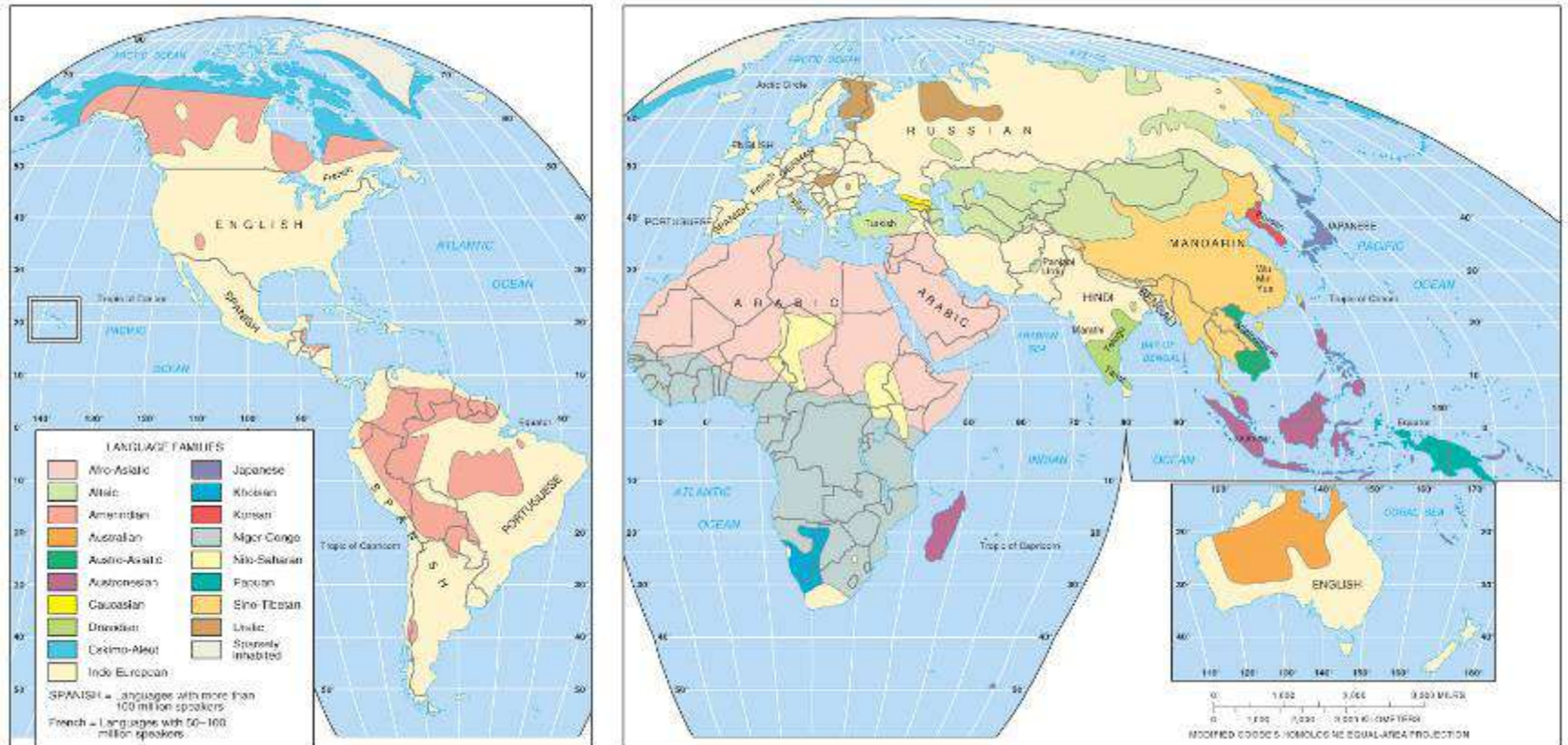
Figure 5.11a Language families pie chart.

LANGUAGE FAMILIES

(Percentage of people speaking each)



Language Families of the World



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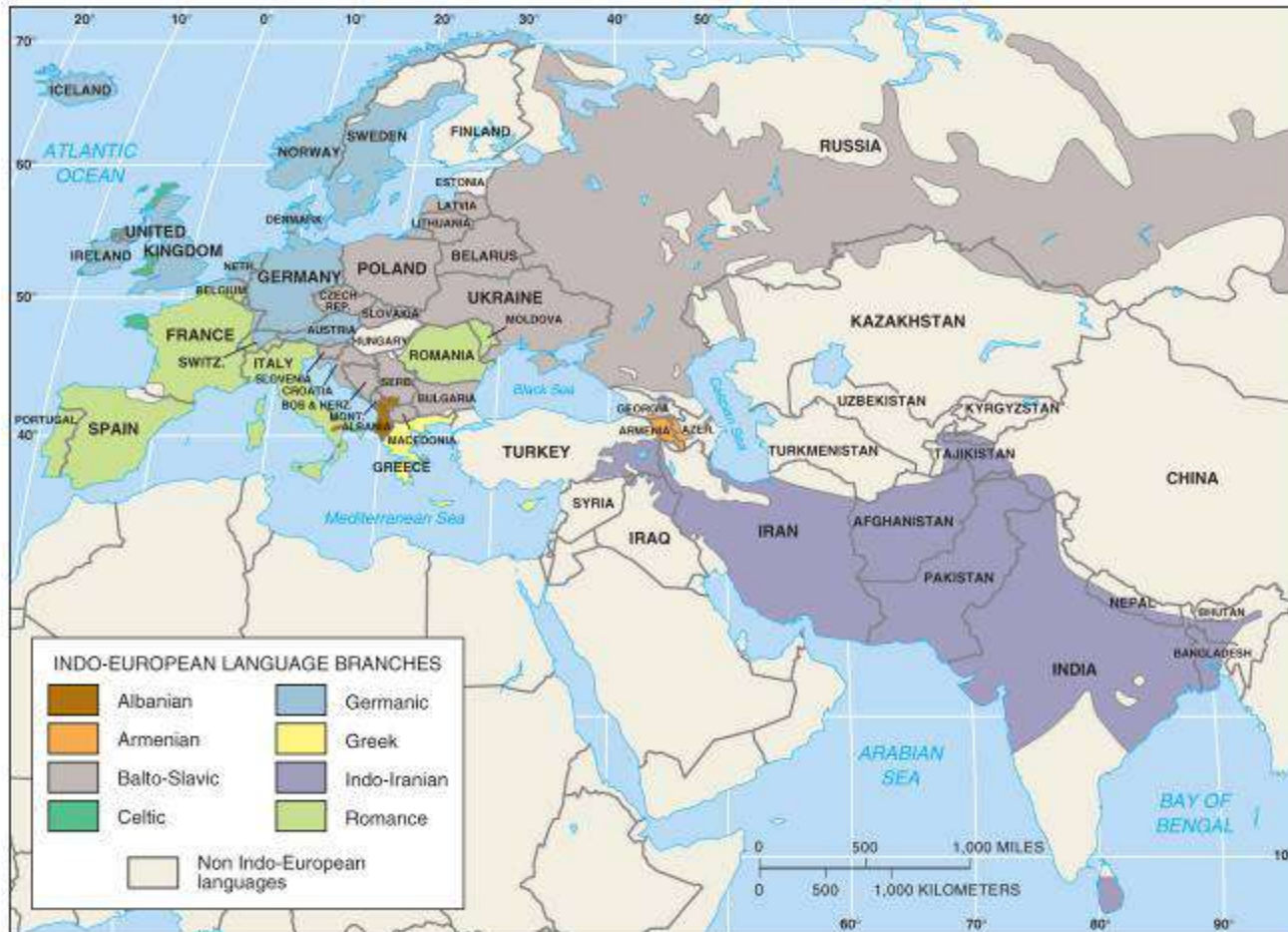
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The Indo-European Language Family

- Branches of Indo-European
 - *Germanic branch*
 - *Indo-Iranian branch*
 - *Balto-Slavic branch*
 - *Romance branch*
- Origin and diffusion of Indo-European
 - *Kurgan and Anatolian theories*

Indo-European Language Family

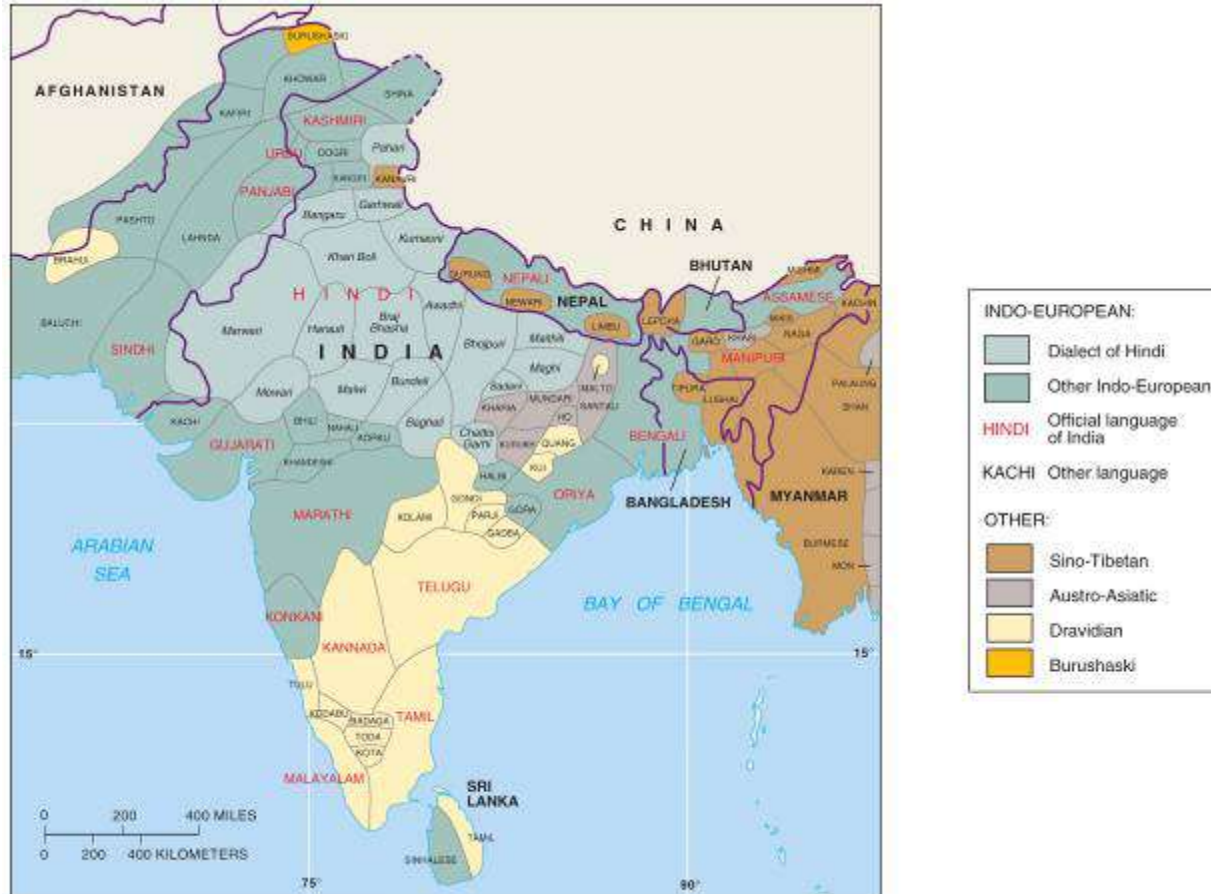


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Germanic Branch of Indo-European



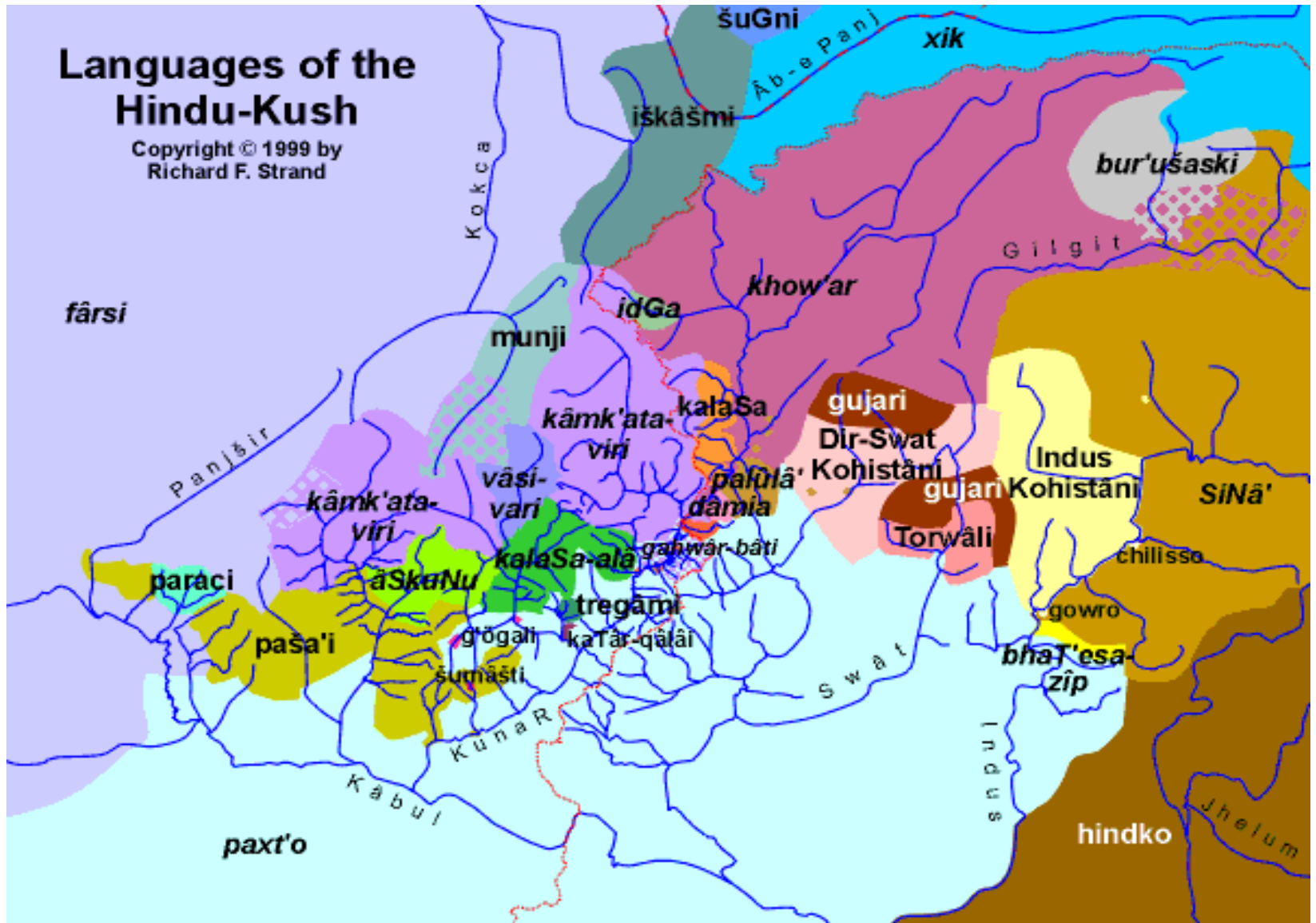
South Asian Languages & Language Families



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Languages of the Hindu-Kush

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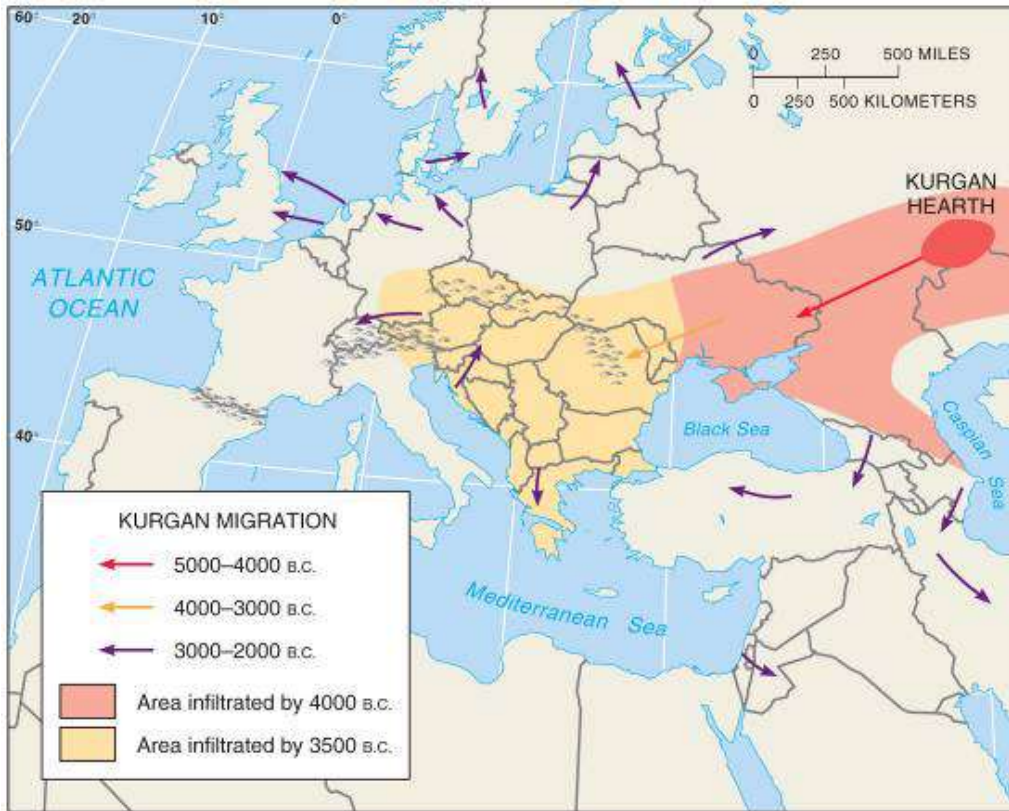
Romance Branch of Indo-European



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Kurgan Theory of Indo-European Origin

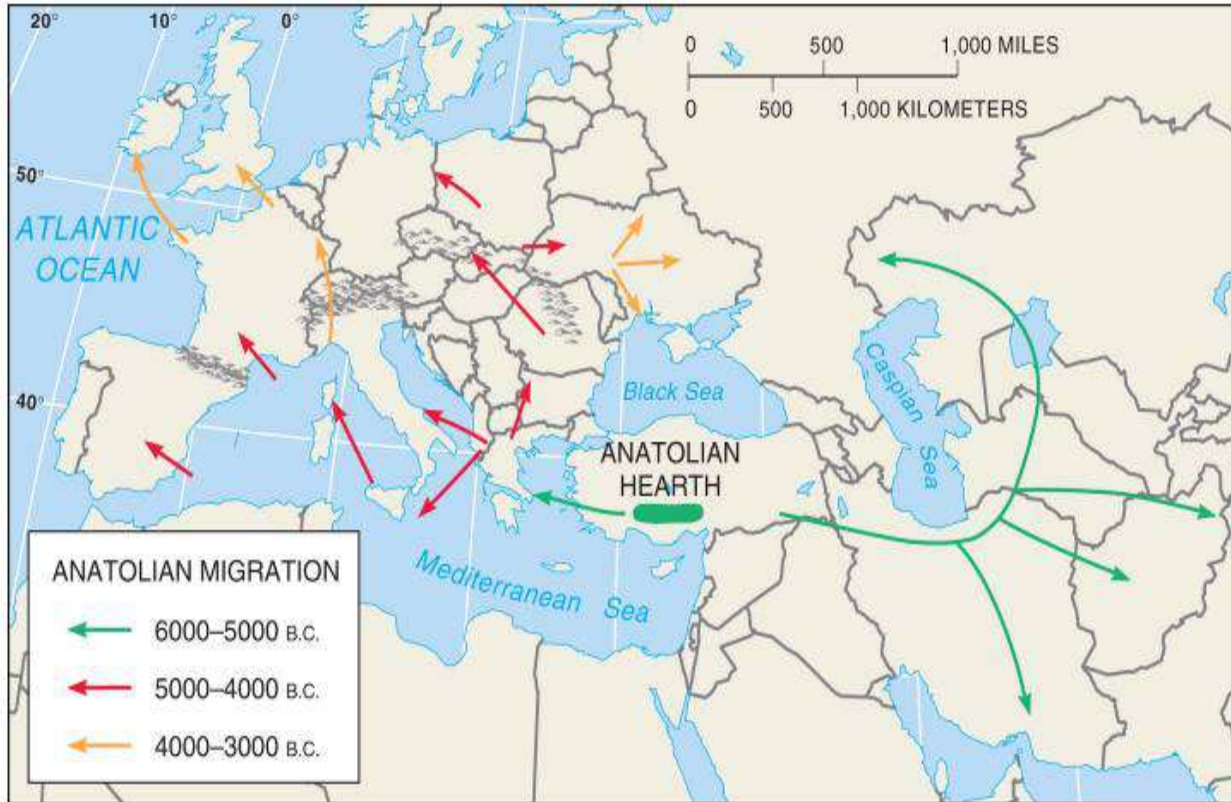
Marija Gimbutas!!!



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Anatolian Hearth Theory of Indo-European Origin

Colin Renfrew!!!!

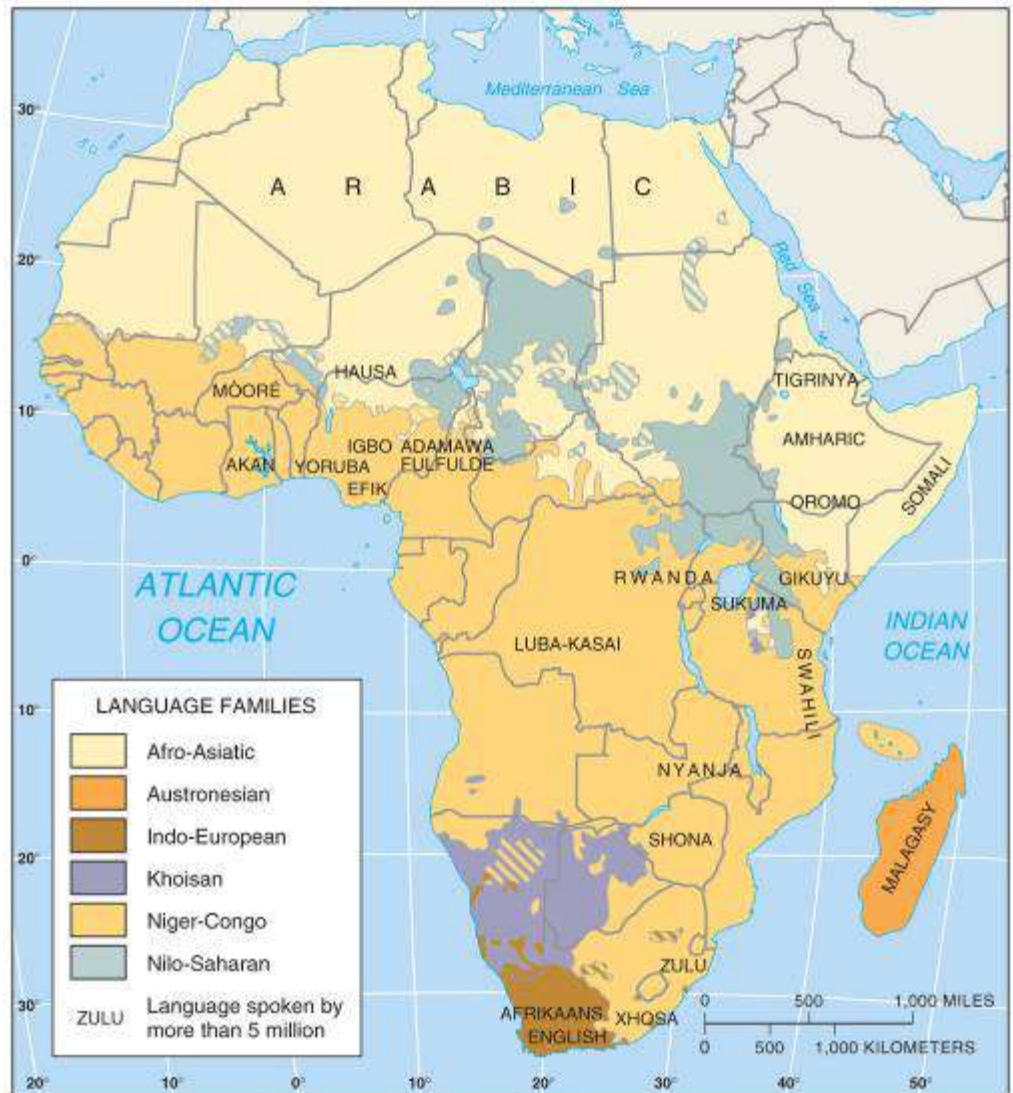


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Distribution of Other Language Families

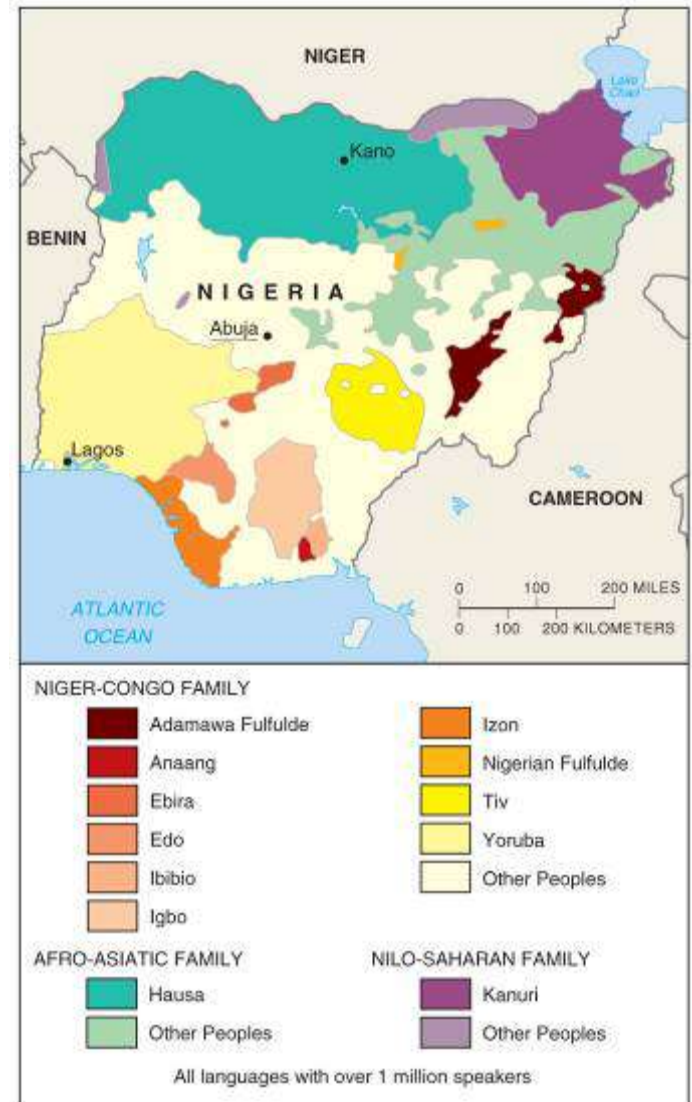
- Classification of languages
- Distribution of language families
 - *Sino-Tibetan language family*
 - *Other East and Southeast Asian language families*
 - *Afro-Asiatic language family*
 - *Altaic and Uralic language families*
 - *African language families*

Language Families of Africa



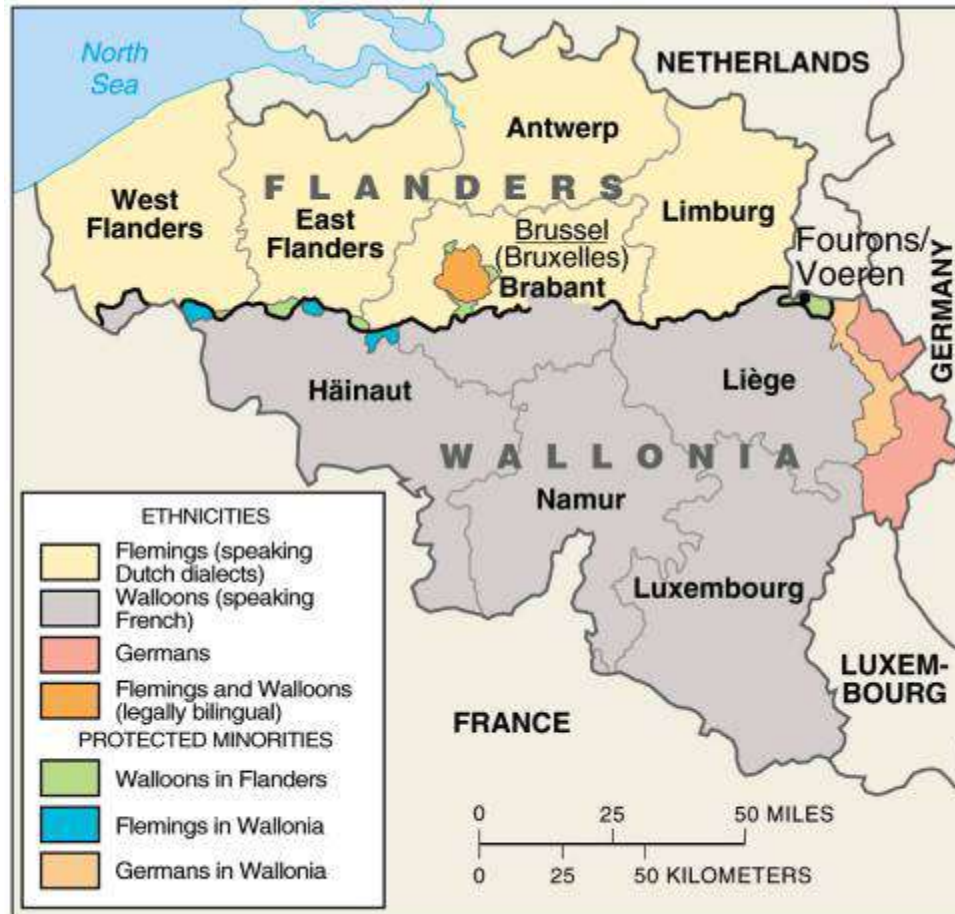
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Languages of Nigeria



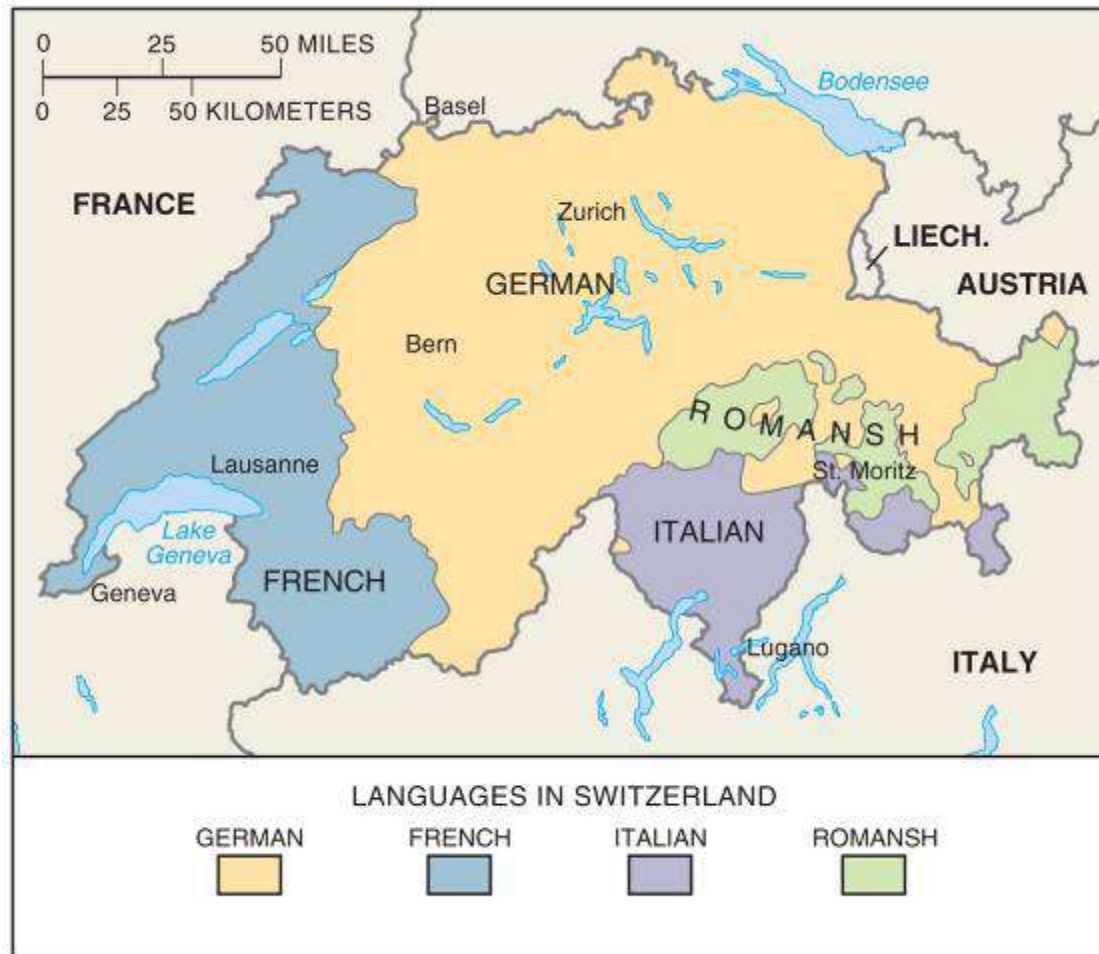
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Language Divisions in Belgium

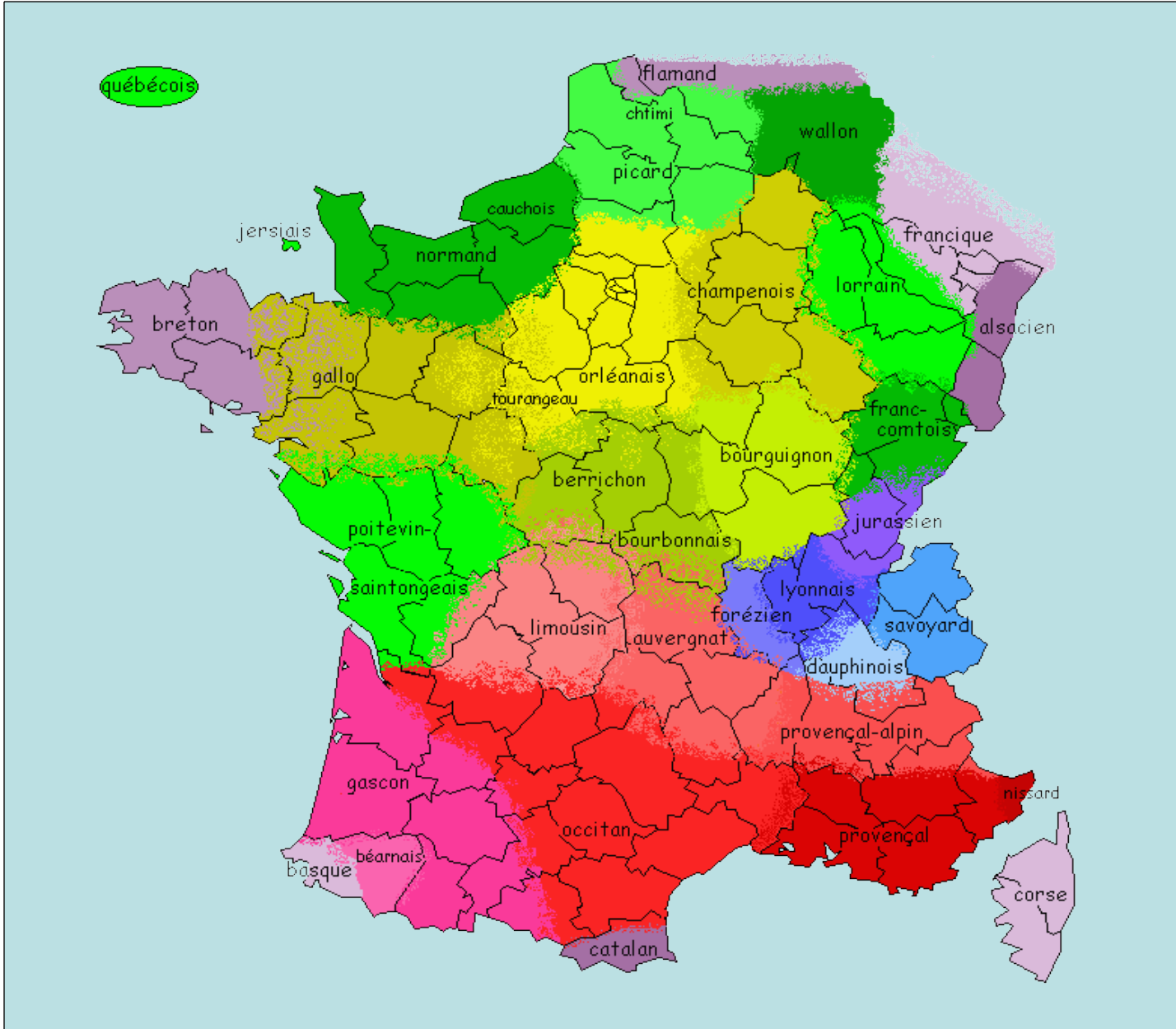


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Language Areas in Switzerland



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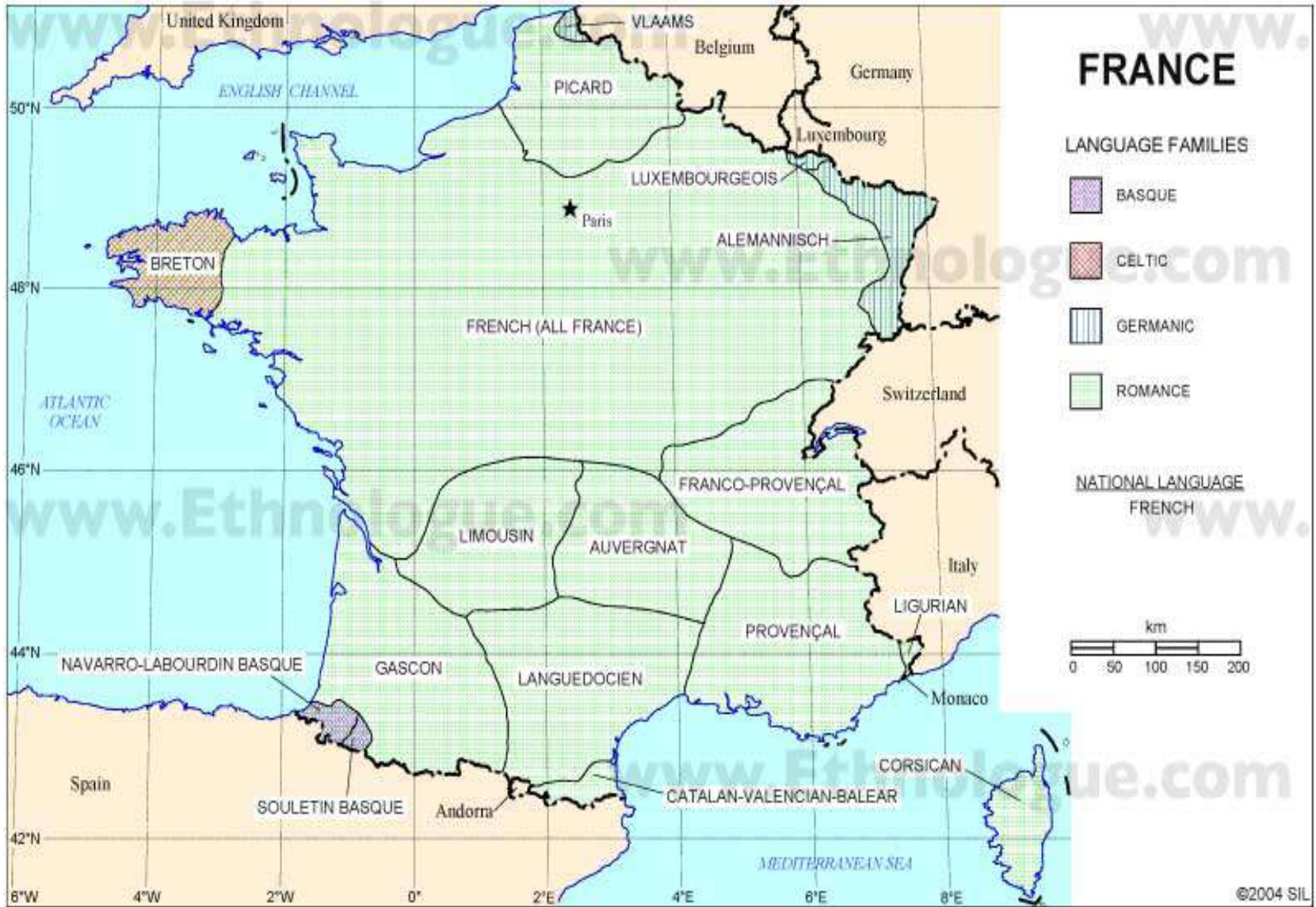


The Geography of Old French

langue d'oïl

d'oc

langue
Provençal



United Kingdom

VLAAMS

Belgium

Germany

ENGLISH CHANNEL

PICARD

Luxembourg

LUXEMBOURGEOIS

Paris

ALEMANNISCH

BRETON

FRENCH (ALL FRANCE)

Switzerland

FRANCO-PROVENÇAL

Italy

LIGURIAN

NAVARRO-LABOURDIN BASQUE

GASCON

LIMOUSIN

AUVERGNAT

PROVENÇAL

LANGUEDOCIEN

Monaco

Spain

SOULETIN BASQUE

Andorra

CATALAN-VALENCIAN-BALEAR

CORSICAN

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

6°W

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2°E

4°E

6°E

8°E

50°N

48°N

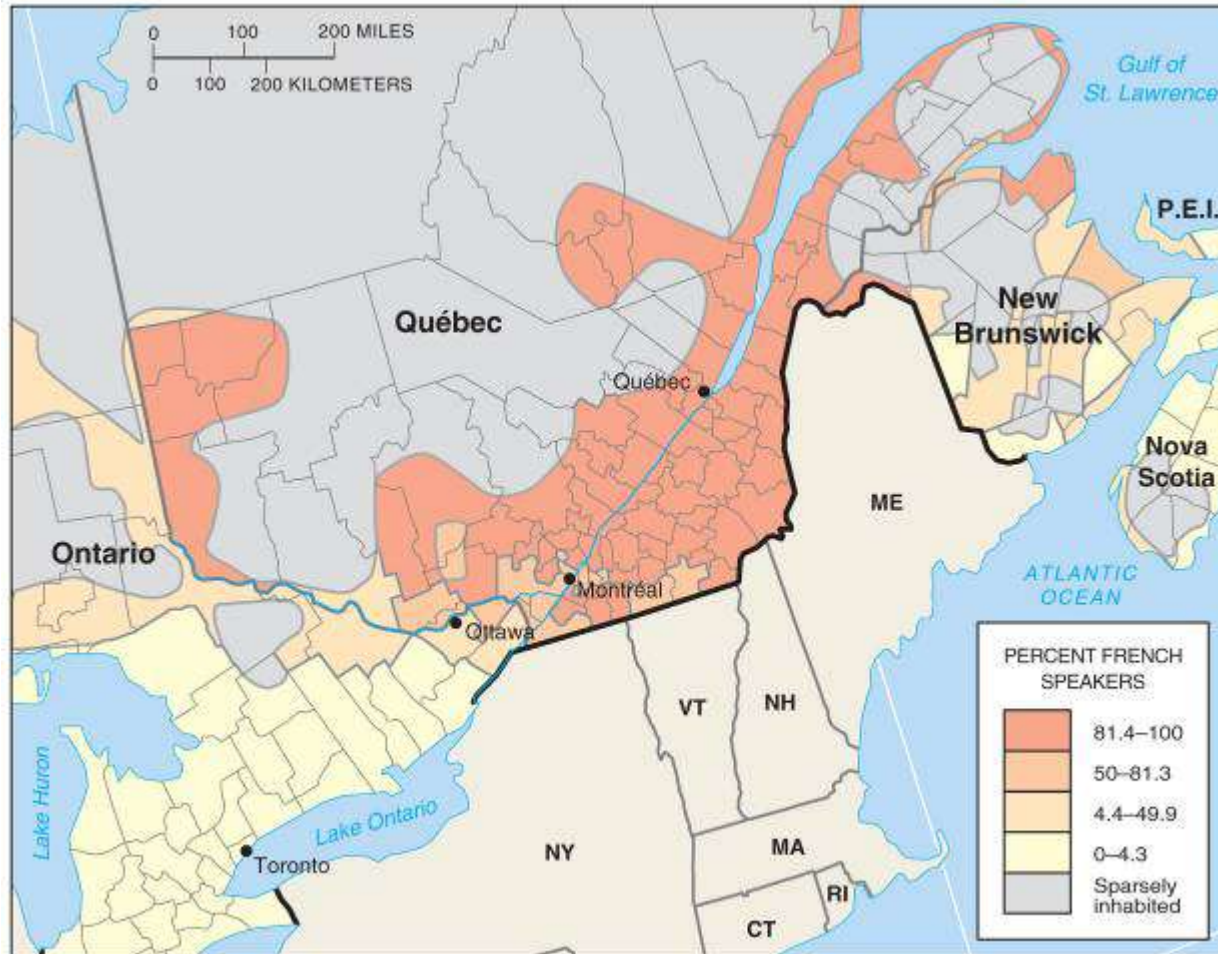
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French-English Boundary in Canada



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Chinese Linguistic Groups





CAUCASIC LANGUAGES

- | | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Circassian | Dagestani |
| A Abkhazi | Agul |
| Adygey | Avar |
| C Cherkessian | Dargin |
| Kabardin | Lak |
| Georgian | L Lezgin |
| Georgian | R Rutul |
| Veinakh | Tabasaran |
| Chechen | Tsakhur |
| I Ingushi | |

INDO-EUROPEAN LANGUAGES

- Armenian
- Armenian
- Greek
- Greek
- Iranic
- Kurdish
- Ossetian
- T Talysh
- Slavic
- Russian

ALTAIC LANGUAGES

- Turkic
- A Azeri
- Balkar
- Karachay
- Kumyk
- Nogay
- Turkmenian
- Mongol
- K Kalmykian