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Soccer & Nationalism in Africa *UCLA, January/February 2006*

From January 20 to February 10, 2006 Egypt will host the 25th African Cup of Nations. In the spirit of this event, the African Activist Association will screen the final matches of the tournament and holding panel discussions on the impact of soccer on nationalism, globalization of the game, and other issues concerning soccer in Africa.

The First African Cup of Nations was held in Khartoum, Sudan in 1957 with only Ethiopia, Sudan, and Egypt participating. South Africa was disqualified because of apartheid and the rest of Africa was still under colonial occupation. Fifty-eight years later, the game is still going strong with 52 independent nations now battling for the final trophy every two years.

The African Cup of Nations has persevered in spite of long odds. With Africa home to most of world's poor, critics felt the money poured into hosting the sporting extravaganza could be better spent on more pressing issues. Nevertheless, despite this criticism, the African Cup of Nations still exists due in large part to the people's passion for the game. This love of football has made Africa the second biggest exporter of soccer players to more lucrative European clubs.

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