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## On the origin of the royal Kongo title *ngangula*

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### Abstract

This article offers an in-depth historical-comparative linguistic account of the origin and etymology of *ngangula*. This term is not only a widespread blacksmith term in the Lower Congo region, but also a traditional royal Kongo title attesting to the importance of the blacksmith metaphor in Kongo political ideology. Popular etymology has it that *ngangula* is related to *nganga*, reconstructed in Proto-Bantu as *\*-gàngà* and commonly translated as 'medicine-man'. It is argued here that this widely held belief does not stand up to scrutiny. The term *ngangula* is shown to be derived from the common Bantu verb *\*pàngud-* meaning 'to cut, to separate'. Thanks to a distinctive diachronic sound change, it is even possible to locate quite precisely the term's origin within the Kikongo dialect continuum. Its provenance gives new credibility to an earlier but discarded hypothesis situating the origins of the Kongo kingdom in the eastern part of the Lower Congo, somewhere in-between the Inkisi and Kwango Rivers.

### Keywords

Kikongo, Kongo kingdom, sound change, semantic change, African history

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