POWER-SHARING IN BURUNDI



Abstract

Like many other internal armed conflicts, civil war in Burundi ended through a negotiated settlement based on a series of power-sharing agreements. Power-sharing in Burundi gave rise, inter alia, to a complex institutional re-engineering of the state. A unique case on the African continent, the 2005 and 2018 Constitutions include ethnic quotas that regulate the composition of the legislature, the executive branch and the security forces. My research analyses the evolution of power-sharing in Burundi: its adoption, its institutional features, its functionality and possible exit strategies. This research is situated against the background of wider political analysis on peace and governance in Burundi. It contributes to the thematic academic literature on consociational power-sharing. It involves partnerships with local academic partners at the Université du Burundi and includes the supervision of doctoral students in law and in development studies.



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