

# BEING HUTU OR TUTSI

## THE SALIENCE OF THE UBWOKO IN EVERYDAY LIFE IN CONTEMPORARY BURUNDI

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### Abstract

In my PhD research, I explored the notions of “us” and “them” in contemporary Burundi, focusing on reciprocal perceptions and interactions between Hutu and Tutsi. Through ethnographic research, I analysed the work of boundary making and remaking in the way Burundians identify themselves and the others in everyday life. I thus aimed to identify when and how, after the end of the 1993 civil war, the signing of the Arusha Peace Agreement, a period of relative peace, and the outbreak of the 2015 violence, “us” and “them” are defined in terms of ubwoko (Hutu/Tutsi) in contemporary Burundi. I analysed boundary making on social media too, on Twitter in particular, focusing on the dynamics that lead to the formation and consolidation of online communities, and observing the interactions between them.



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