Ethnic Groupness and Intra-Ethnic Political Competition in sub-Saharan Africa

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Matthew Gichohi’s research interests lie in democratization, political behaviour and development, campaigns and elections, and ethnic politics with a particular focus on sub-Saharan Africa. His dissertation investigates the variation in intra-group political competition in areas where conventional wisdom often assumes unity. In it, he argues that current ethnic political configurations can be traced back to the work of early ethnic organizations in crafting the social and political identities of their co-ethnics. He relies on original survey data, interviews with ethnic and political elites, and archival research to make the argument. He is also interested in survey and experimental methodology in the social sciences.

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