



NEW TITLE

PLAYING DIFFERENT GAMES

The Paradox of Anywaa and Nuer Identification Strategies in the Gambella Region, Ethiopia

Dereje Feyissa

Summary

Focusing on ethnicity and its relation to conflict, this book goes beyond sterile debates about whether ethnic identities are "natural" or "socially constructed." Rather, ethnic identity takes different forms. Some ethnic boundaries are perceived by the actors themselves as natural, while others are perceived to be permeable. The argument is substantiated through a comparative analysis of ethnic identity formation and ethnic conflict among the Anywaa and the Nuer in the Gambella region of western Ethiopia. The Anywaa and the Nuer are not just two ethnic groups but two kinds of ethnic groups. Conflicts between the Anywaa and Nuer are explained with reference to three variables: varying modes of identity formation, competition over resources, and differential incorporation into the state system.

"... an ethnographically rich, historically meticulous, theoretically informed analysis of ethnic conflict in a strategically important area of Africa. It shows the value of multi-sited methodologies that bring international, national and regional levels to bear upon the analysis of Africa's new, civil wars." · Stephen Reyna, University of Manchester

About the Author

Dereje Feyissa was a 21st Century Centre of Excellence Fellow in the Department of Anthropology, Osaka University, from 2003 to 2005, and a Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle, from 2005 to 2008. He has lectured on Ethiopian history and politics at Alemaya University and at the Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, and on Social Anthropology at Martin Luther University and the University of Bayreuth in Germany. Currently, Dereje is a Humboldt Fellow for Experienced Researchers at the University of Bayreuth. His publications focus on social inequality, identity and conflict, ethnic groups and the state, customary institutions of conflict resolution, Islam in contemporary Ethiopia, and the political economy of development.



4

ICS: Integration & Conflict Studies

Binding Hardback

PRINT ISBN 978-0-85745-088-3

E-ISBN 978-0-85745-089-0

Final Extent 296 pages, 16 ills, 9 tables, bibliog., index

Price \$95.00 / £56.00

Publication Date July 2011

Pub Date UK August 2011

Subject SOC002010

ORDER INFORMATION

UK & Europe:
Marston Book Services
PO Box 269
Abingdon, Oxon OX14 4YN
United Kingdom
tel: +44 (0)1235 465500
fax: +44 (0)1235 465555
trade.enq@marston.co.uk

US & Rest of World:
Berghahn Books Inc,
PO Box 605
Herndon, VA 20172
USA
tel: 1(800) 540-8663 (US)
+1 (703) 661-1500 (RoW)
BerghahnMail@PressWarehouse.com

EDITORIAL OFFICES

UK & Europe:
Berghahn Books Ltd.
3 Newtec Place, Magdalen Road
Oxford OX4 1RE
United Kingdom
tel: +44 (0)1865 250011
fax: +44 (0)1865 250056
salesuk@berghahnbooks.com

US & Rest of World:
Berghahn Books Inc.
150 Broadway, Suite 812
New York NY 10038
United States
tel: +1 212 233 6004
fax: +1 212 233 6007
salesus@berghahnbooks.com



Table of Contents

- List of Figures and Tables
- Preface
- Acknowledgements
- List of Acronyms

Introduction: the Regional Setting of Ethnic Identification and Ethnic Conflict

PART I: THEORY AND METHODOLOGY

Chapter 1. Theoretical Orientation and Arguments

PART II: THE CONTRAST

- Chapter 2. The Anywaa Primordialist Ethnic Identity Formation
- Chapter 3. The Nuer Constructivist Ethnic Identity Formation

PART III: THE ENCOUNTER

- Chapter 4. In the Riverine Lands
- Chapter 5. The Cultural Contestation
- Chapter 6. Differential Incorporation into the Ethiopian State
- Chapter 7. The Anywaa Response to Ethiopian Ethnic Federalism
- Chapter 8. The Nuer Response to Ethiopian Ethnic Federalism
- Chapter 9. Civil War in the Sudan and Ethnic Processes in the Gambella Region

Conclusion: Modes of Ethnic Identification

- Glossary of Local Terms
- References
- Index

Other Volumes in the Series

CHANGING IDENTIFICATIONS AND ALLIANCES IN NORTH-EAST AFRICA

Volume I: Ethiopia and Kenya

Edited by Günther Schlee and Elizabeth E. Watson

268 pages, 6 maps, 13 photos, 2 figs, 3 tables, bibliog., index

ISBN 978-1-84545-603-0 Hb

HOW ENEMIES ARE MADE

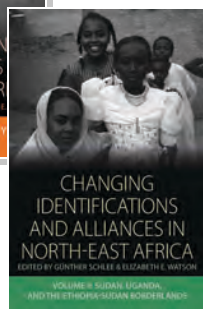
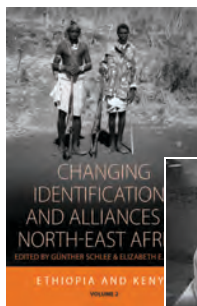
Towards a Theory of Ethnic and Religious Conflict

Günther Schlee

216 pages, 5 tables, 2 diagrams, bibliog., index

ISBN 978-1-84545-494-4 Hb

ISBN 978-1-84545-779-2 Pb



CHANGING IDENTIFICATIONS AND ALLIANCES IN NORTH-EAST AFRICA

Volume II: Sudan, Uganda, and the Ethiopia-Sudan Borderlands

Edited by Günther Schlee and Elizabeth E. Watson

268 pages, 5 maps, 13 figs, 2 tables, bibliog., index

ISBN 978-1-84545-604-7 Hb