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Geographical specialization

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Current research

- Political diaspora networks among Burundians in exile in Belgium, Denmark, Kenya and Tanzania.
- Identity politics in Burundi's transition process.
- Fighting a war of words in cyberspace. The use of the internet as a political tool among Burundians at home and abroad.

Selected publications

- Under the Gaze of the 'Big Nations': refugees, rumours and the international community in Tanzania, in *African Affairs*(2004), no. 103, 227-247.
- New Opportunities: Angry Young Men in a Tanzanian Refugee Camp. in Loss and Recovery; Refugees and the Transformation of Societies (eds. Philomena Essed, Georg Frerks and Joke Schrijvers) Berghahn Press, Oxford (2004).
- Den gode samaritaner og den gode flygtning forestillinger om køn i humanitær diskurs og praksis. In *Kvinder, Køn og Forskning* vol. 12, no. 3 (2003).
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