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["Actually I am different." Subjective constructions of ethnic identity in a migration context and new ways in psychological acculturation research]

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Abstract [English]

"the role of religion in civil conflicts in africa has been a neglected area of research, particularly in terms of a general empirical assessment. a pilot study on the ambivalence of religion in sub-saharan violent conflicts, funded by the german foundation for peace research,

aimed at systematically approaching the topic by compiling a comprehensive bibliography,

by analyzing the state of the art and by developing hypotheses on the religionconflict-

link. on this basis qualitative 'fact sheets' on the role of religion in 28 sub-saharan

violent conflicts after 1990 were created. moreover, a formal database on religious factors

in civil conflicts was compiled including four clusters of variables: a) conflict-specific variables such as intensity, duration, prevalence after 1990, b) religion-specific variables such as demographics, overlaps of identities and existence of interreligious networks, c)

variables which describe the role of religion in conflict such as theological differences as

partial conflict causes, the (de)escalating use of religion (incitement, legitimisation, involvement of religious actors vs. calls for peace and peace initiatives, organizational connections between religious and political actors) as well as d) classical 'risk factors' (low

growth and income, natural ressources, prior conflict, ethnic fractionalization). (...) (author's abstract)

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Abstract [Deutsch]

"die rolle von religion in subsaharischen gewaltkonflikten stellt ein weitgehend vernachlässigtes

forschungsfeld dar, besonders was generalisierende empirische studien angeht.

eine von der dsf finanzierte pilotstudie zur ambivalenz von religion in gewaltkonflikten –

der ein umfangreicheres vorhaben folgen soll – näherte sich der thematik zunächst auf

grundlage einer umfangreichen bibliographie, der würdigung des forschungsstandes und

der entwicklung von forschungshypothesen an. mittels der analyse von vier variablenclustern,