



**BRINGING VICTIMS TO THE TRANSITIONAL  
JUSTICE TABLE:**

**THE CONUNDRUM OF INCLUSION AND THE NETWORKMANIA**

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- Why and how are victims integrated in a given transitional justice context?
- What are the risks associated with such international driven inclusion agenda?
- What is entailed by the Networkmania Conundrum?

*The context: Burundi: A TRC in Conflict*

“Like the notion of consultation, the idea of victim participation has become a mantra in the field of transitional justice. However, the rhetorical commitment to these ideas is not matched consistently by actual practice”

Pablo de Greiff, UN special rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, 2016.

“Despite all the talk about victim empowerment then, the victim produced by transitional justice NGOs and others in the international human rights movement is a hapless, passive victim dependent on NGOs and others to speak for her and argue her case... Politics of disempowerment and trusteeship – with a heavy missionary slant – are reproduced.”

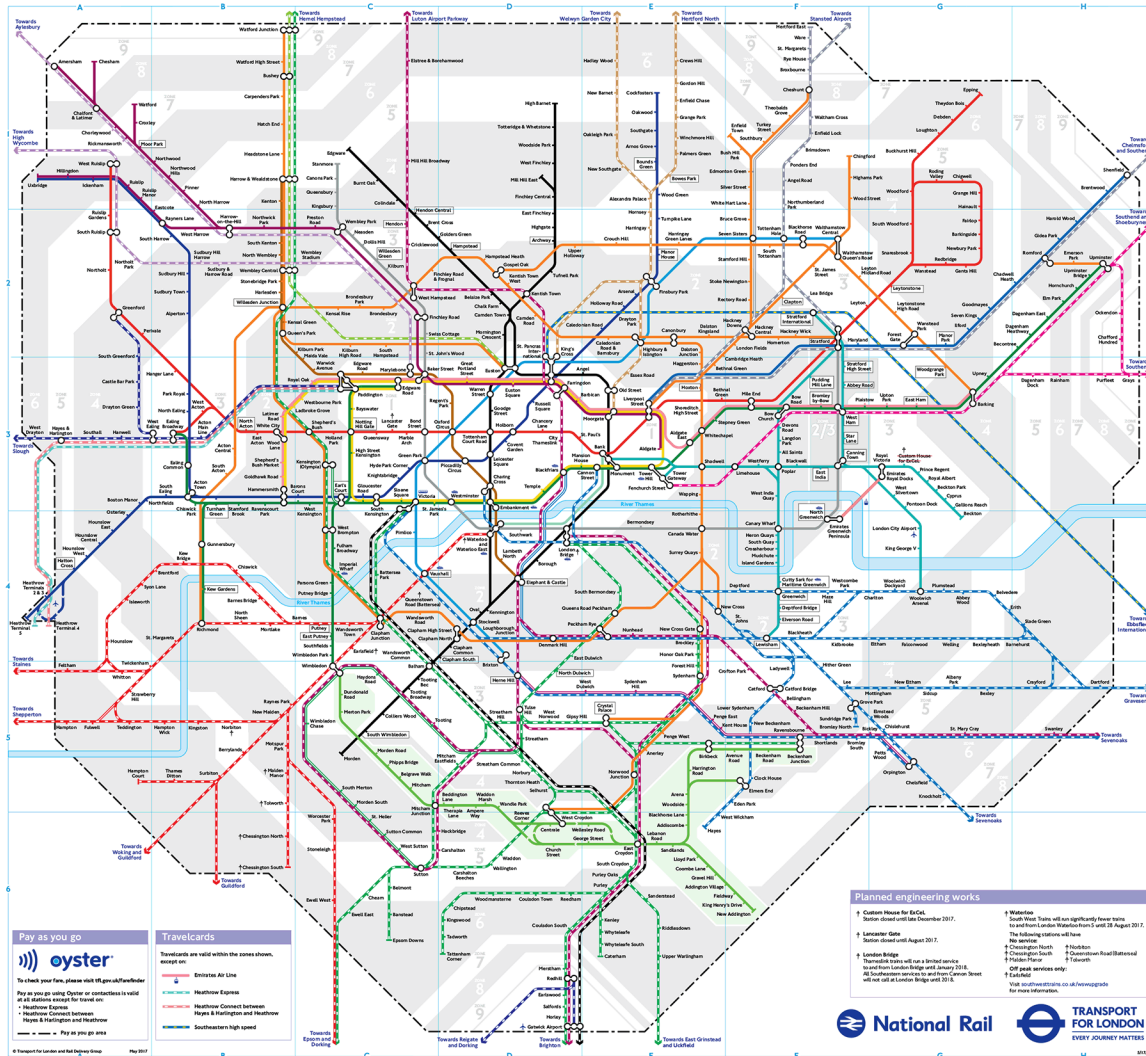
Tshepo Madlingozi, 2010, p 213.

1. AC GENOCIDE: Openly against the CNDD-DD, they organise commemorations across the country and provide legal aid to survivors (specifically for Tusti victims who have been attacked by Hutu rebel groups in the 1990s)

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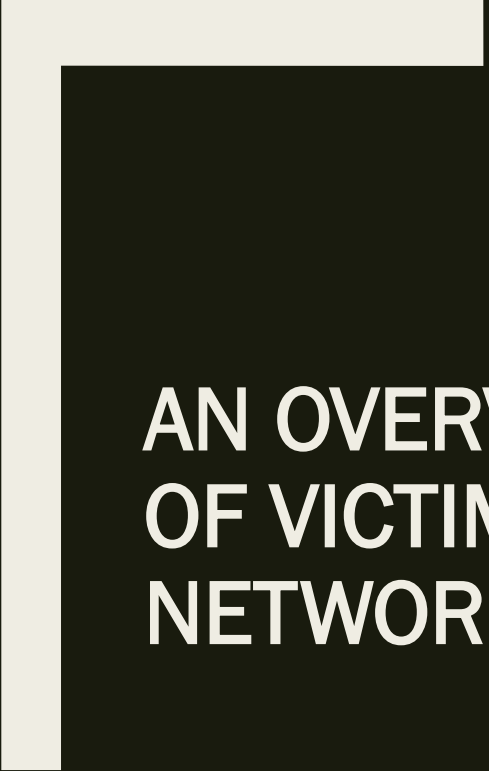
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- Chiltern Railways
- c2c
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- Great Northern
- Great Western Railway
- Greater Anglia
- Heathrow Connect
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# AN OVERVIEW OF VICTIMS NETWORKS

politiques – Created in 2012 by the Head of Programme of La Benevolencija, a Burundian national. It has no funding but logistic support from La Benevolencija. It is a platform organisation for victim associations that was put together by the same groups of local

# Inviting Victims to the Table

Reflection Group of Transitional Justice  
(2011)

FONAREC/JT (2012)

Search For Common Grounds (late 90's)

Inclusion Today



# Networkmania

The proliferation of networks making victims available and prepared for the official transitional justice process

## Silenced and Invisible Politics:

- Overlapping of networks
- Political Lauded dates and places
- Incompatible Networks
- Participation and Co-optation
- Reshuffle Power in Civil Society politics



# Networkmania Conundrum



- Proliferation and formalisation of association: easy access to victims, create constituency, respond to participation expectation
- Expend the type of activities and capacities of their association beyond what they would usually do, including bureaucratisation
- Strengthen their capacities to formulate demands and statements about the transitional justice process
- Expose them to security and political risks
- Expose them to disillusionment due to increase of expectations