

The Mara Women in the Making of Mara Tribal Proto-Nation

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Abstract

This study analyses the emergence of the Mara tribal proto-nation within the broader restructuring of Chin political identity during Myanmar's post-coup period. Centering Mara women's experiences and political positioning, the study examines how processes of ethnic consolidation and exclusion shape access to humanitarian resources, political participation, and representation. The paper argues that tensions between Chin nation-building and Mara autonomy generate both marginalisation and new political openings. By situating Mara women within these contested processes, the research contributes to debates on gendered nation formation, ethnic politics, and subnational sovereignty in revolutionary contexts.