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Statecraft, Political Identities and Political Violence: Some Reflections on a Research Agenda

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This paper is based on the author's recent book titled *Darfur, Saviors and Survivors: Darfur, Politics and the War on Terror*. In doing so, it will primarily reflect the research undertaken in compiling the manuscript. A central research question that arose during the compilation was what is the relationship between statecraft, scholarship and political mobilization in the making of 'Arabs' and 'Africans'? Following this, I question, who is an 'Arab' and who is an 'African'? In turn, it is necessary to investigate and explore the relationship between modern statecraft and advocacy groups, on the one hand, and the making and unmaking of identities on the other. As such, a question arises as to what the responsibility of intellectuals and academics alike is and how to turn this responsibility into action.