

OBITUARY

MUKENDI TSHIMANGA ROSSY

The Editorial Board of the *Journal of African Elections* notes with deep regret the passing away of Mr MUKENDI Tshimanga Rossy.

Mr MUKENDI was an assistant in the Department of International Relations at the Université Pédagogique Nationale (UPN) in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, and had previously taught at the Department of International Relations at the University Reverend Kim in Kinshasa, DRC. He was also an analyst at the Pan African Institute of International and Strategic Relations (IPRIS) and has written several articles with the late Professor Philippe BIYOYA MAKUTU.

Mr MUKENDI contributed an article entitled 'Alliances et coalitions de partis politiques en République Démocratique du Congo: Causes et Conséquences' to a special edition of the *Journal of African Elections* (Volume 13 No. 1, 1 June 2014). In addition, in 2015 he authored his first book titled *The rebirth of the DRC in the post-bloc geopolitical context*, which was published by Editions Universitaires Européennes.

Mr MUKENDI was also a human rights activist and an influential leader of the Kinshasa-based citizen movement known as 'Collectif 2016', a pro-democracy youth movement which bravely advocated strict adherence to the two-term constitutional limit for presidents.

Mr MUKENDI sadly lost his life on 25 February 2018. He was killed when the police opened fire on peaceful citizens who were demonstrating against President Kabila's apparent attempts to overstay in power beyond his second and last term, at the Saint-Benoit Catholic Church in Kinshasa.

Our condolences go to his family, friends and colleagues.