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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SOAS, University of London

Lecturer, International Development Studies (Sept 1996 - ongoing)

Duties:

- Convenor of Aid and Development module on MSc Development Studies course. Responsible for lectures, tutorials, examination and essay marking, as well as oversight of all module issues.
- Head of Key Issues in Development Studies programme at postgraduate level. Created all course materials, responsible for programme organisation, set and mark assessments.
- Political Economy of Public Policy (PEPP) module lecturer on Distance Learning Masters at the Centre for Environment and Development (CeDEP).
- Supervising doctoral work and Masters dissertations.

Highlights

- Winner of the Development Studies Department Teaching Prize in 2019.
- Nominated for Most Inspirational Teacher award.
- Maintained an average of over 4.5/5 on Student Feedback Mechanisms on all courses taught.
- Guest Editor of Special Issue of *Global Labour Journal* on African Trade Unions in 2022.
- Published two books and numerous peer-reviewed articles in top ranked academic journals.
- Convened panels at major conferences and gave numerous individual presentations of my research.
- Designed syllabus and produced materials for successful summer courses on Environment and Development, The Work of NGOs, Migration to and from Europe and The Politics of Development.

Birkbeck College, University of London

Lecturer in International Development Studies – part-time (Sept 2002-July 2010)

Duties:

- Sole lecturer on a number of Development Studies modules, including *Introduction to Development Studies*, *Theories of Development* and *the Work of Non-government Organisations*.

Highlights:

- Maintained an average of over 4.5/5 on Student Feedback Mechanisms on all courses taught.
- Asked by students to convene a group focusing on African development issues. The group provided policy advice on investment, trade and migration issues in Sierra Leone and DR Congo.

British Council, Bulgaria

Teacher Trainer, Syllabus Designer and Methodology Instructor (Sept 1991-Sept 1995)

Duties:

- Develop a student-centred syllabus in high schools using English as a medium of instruction.
- Create new materials in high schools using English as a medium of instruction.
- Train teachers in student-centred methods.

Highlights:

- Developed a new student-centred syllabus in high schools using English as a medium of instruction.
- Created an exchange programme between Bulgarian and British teachers and students.

EDUCATION

- **PhD in Development Studies**, SOAS, University of London.

Civil Society as a Conflictual Sphere in Tanzania: The Work of NGOs and Trade Unions. 2006-2011

- **MSc Applied Linguistics**, University of Edinburgh (Pass with Distinction). 1995-1996

- **MA Development Studies**, University of Hull (Pass with Merit). 1986-1987

Dissertation: *Aid and Education Policy in Developing Countries with Special Reference to the Sudan*

RESEARCH GRANTS, PARTNERSHIPS AND CONSULTANCIES

- 2023-2026 Partnership with University of Bologna: *Researching new directions and policies concerning migration to and from Europe*. My contributions include two conference presentations, writing a policy document and book chapter.
Funded by the European Union.
- 2020-Ongoing: Consultancy with Butterfly Business Management and Research Agency, based in Rwanda. *Establishing a new Knowledge-based Management System at the Rwanda Revenue Authority (RRA)*. My contributions include research on system efficiency, political economy analysis (PEA) and presenting the new system at workshops. Funded by Government of the Republic of Rwanda.
- 2016-2020: Partnership with Institute of Public Policy (IPP) and South China University of Technology (SCUT) *Development and Poverty: China and the World*. My contributions included analysis for policy directions on poverty, a presentation at an international conference in Guangzhou and a book chapter in 2020 (Details are below). Funded by UNESCO.
- 2015: Consultancy with Coffey International - *Tanzanian Regional Economic Opportunities*. Six-month consultancy to prepare a report for DFID (now FCDO). The consultancy included a mission to Tanzania, focusing on research to develop the effectiveness of public and private sector relationships in secondary cities. I co-authored a report which provided the basis for a three-year aid programme, focused on developing private and public sector partnerships in Mwanza and Zanzibar.
Funded by DFID (now FCDO) and Coffey International.
- 2014-18: Partnership with African Studies Center (ASC) University of Leiden: *Research for Inclusive Development: The Increasing Leverage of Formal and Informal Workers' Associations (Case Studies of Ghana and Benin)*. I was asked to give workshop presentations and contribute to the production of a policy paper on how to integrate informal workers' associations with formal trade unions. I undertook a paid research visit to Ghana as part of the partnership. Funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.
- 2012: Consultancy with Sinobridge. I was asked to provide a series of presentations and produce documents on the work of Non-governmental Organisations to senior officials from the Municipality of Tianjin. The officials were considering partnerships with service-providing NGOs in Tianjin and wanted an overview of the strengths and weaknesses of these organisations.
Funded by Sinobridge.

ACADEMIC SERVICE POSITIONS

- Member of Editorial Committee of *Labor History*
<https://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=editorialBoard&journalCode=clah20>

- Member of the Scientific Committee of the *African Journal of Social Responsibility*
<https://www.scienceafrique.org/revues>
- External Examiner: University of Stirling; Sept 2020 – ongoing
- External Examiner: University of Surrey; Sept 2016 – Sept 2020
- External Examiner: Liverpool John Moores University; Sept 2016 – Sept 2020

PHD SUPERVISION

- Zjos Vlamincck *Beyond Social Dialogue: Frictions and Synergies Amongst Workers' Organisations and the State in Ghana*

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2023

- *Locked into the Lusophone Landscape: Why Cabo Verdean Trade Union Struggle to Attract International Support* at the European Network In Universal and Global History (ENIUGH) Congress, 'Conflict and Inequity, Peace and Justice: Local, Regional and International Perspectives' in The Hague, 29 June-1 July
- *Oil and Trade Union Power in Ghana: How the General Transport, Petroleum and Chemical Workers' Union (GTPCWU) is increasing its Agency* at European Conference on African Studies (ECAS2023), University of Cologne, 31 May-3 June
- *Policy Incoherence? The UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership* at 14th European Social Science and History Conference (ESSHC), University of Gothenburg, 12-15 April

2022

- *ICTs, Distributive Discourse and the Labour Movement in Cabo Verde: Why Weak Communications Remain a Crucial Barrier to Trade Union Effectiveness* at the Association for African Studies in Germany (VAD) Conference, University of Freiburg, 7-10 June
- *Learning the Lessons of History? An Analysis of the Use of the 'Global Compact for Migration' to Develop Positive Programmes for African Migrants to Europe* at the University of Bologna Conference: 'Past and Present Migration Challenges', 2-4 June
- *Labour Organisations and the Fight for Economic and Social Justice in Authoritarian Contexts: Contemporary Examples from Africa* at the XV Global Labour University Conference: 'Building a Post-Pandemic World with Social Justice', 4-5 April

2021

- *An Analysis the Securitization of Aid Among Some European Donors* at the European Network In Universal and Global History (ENIUGH) Congress, Turku 'Minorities, Cultures of Integration and Patterns of Exclusion', 25-28 June
- *Migration to Europe and Threats to the Ideals of Classical Liberal Humanitarianism: The Need for New Perspectives* at European Social Science and History Conference, 'Unmaking Borders: Freedom of Movement in Historical and Contemporary Perspective' International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, 24-27 March

2019

- Plenary Speaker: *Overview of Recent Work Framing the Role of Trade Unions in Building Work Relations and Forming Collective Actions* at Conference on Workers Education and Employment. Michael Imoudu National Institute for Labour Studies, Ilorin, Nigeria, 26-28 November

- Presentation: *Trade Unions and Financial Investments with Sierra Leone Case Study* at European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 2019), University of Edinburgh, 11-14 June

2018

- Presentation: *Humanitarian Aid and Migration: Key Issues* at Workshop on Migrations to and from Europe, Department of Economics, University of Bologna, 23 November
- Presentation: *Official Development Assistance and Poverty Reduction: The Need for New Directions*, Institute for Public Policy, South China University and UNESCO Conference on Development and Poverty, 18-20 August

2017

- *Trade Unions and the Struggle for Financial Viability in Africa: The Move Towards Investments to Increase Capacity*, International Conference: Trade Unions and Labor in Africa, University of Porto, 30 March

2016

- Presentation: *Political Economy of Aid* at Governance for African Development Initiative, Residential School, Rabat, Morocco, 20-24 March. Funded by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation

2015

- *Tanzanian Labour Conflicts from the Colonial Period to the Present: Combining Polanyian and Marxian Approaches*, European Conference on African Studies (ECAS-6), University of the Sorbonne, 10 July

2013

- *Caught Between MDG Target Fever and the Reality of Resource Constraints: The Current Struggles of the Sierra Leone Teachers Union to Improve Education Quality*, European Conference on African Studies, Univ. of Lisbon, 28 June

2011

- *The Re-Creation of Civil Society in Tanzania by Western Donors Following the End of the Nyerere Regime*, European Conference on African Studies (ECAS-4), University of Uppsala, 17 June

CONFERENCE PANELS AND ROUNDTABLES ORGANISED

2019

- Convenor of Panel for European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 2019), University of Edinburgh, Panel: *Innovation or Irrelevance? An Analysis of New Strategies being Used by African Trade Unions to Defend the Interests of Labour*.

2016

- Organiser of Joint Roundtable - SOAS and the African Studies Center at the University of Leiden - on *Africa and China: Labour Issues*. As well as organising the Roundtable, I gave a presentation and oversaw joint research based on the issues presented.

ONLINE PROFILES



PUBLICATIONS

Books

2023: *African Labour Organisations in the Neoliberal Era* London: Routledge

2012: *Civil Society as a Conflictual Sphere in Post-liberalization Tanzania: Roles of NGOs and Trade Unions* Saarbrücken: Lambert

Journal Articles

2022 'Guest Editor Introduction' in *Global Labour Journal*, Vol. 13, No. 2; Special Issue on African Trade Unions

2022 'Oil and Trade Union Power in Ghana: An Analysis of the Work of the General Transport, Petroleum and Chemical Workers' Union (GTPCWU) in *Global Labour Journal*, Vol. 13, No. 2 with F.M.K. Sallah

2022 'ICTs, Distributive Discourse and the Labour Movement in Cabo Verde: Why Weak Communications Remain a Crucial Barrier to Trade Union Effectiveness' in *Global Labour Journal*, Vol. 13, No. 2 with M. Cojocar

2022 'African Trade Unions and the Politics of Gender: A Collection of Interviews with Rhoda Boateng, Marjorie Chanda Mutale, Deborah Freeman, Leontine Mbolanomena and Maria Joaquina Almeida' in *Global Labour Journal*, Vol. 13, No. 2 with M. Cojocar

2018: 'Strengths and Weaknesses of African Trade Unions in the Neoliberal Period with a Sierra Leone Case Study' in *Africana Studia* No. 28: *Trade Unions and Labour in Africa*

Book Chapters

2023 'Policy Incoherence? The UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership' in Fauri F. and Mantovani D. (eds) *Migration to and from Europe: Past and Present Issues* London: Palgrave Macmillan

2020: 'An Overview of Recent Trends in Official Development Assistance: Contradictory New Directions in the Relationship between DAC Donors and China' in Zheng Y. and Qian J. (eds) *Development and Poverty Reduction: A Global Comparative Perspective* London: Routledge

2011: 'Environmental Issues in Botswana' in *World Environmental Chronology* Tokyo: Hosei University

2005: 'Benchmarking' in *Smart Toolkit for Evaluating Information Products and Services* Book on Monitoring and Evaluation Skills for Local NGOs in Developing Countries Wageningen: CTA

2005: 'Logical Framework Analysis' in *Smart Toolkit for Evaluating Information Products and Services* Book on Monitoring and Evaluation Skills for Local NGOs in Developing Countries Wageningen: CTA

Other

2015 *Tanzania Regional Economic Opportunities (TREO): Concept Design Report* London: Coffey International (co-author)