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Academic Positions

Harold Laski Professor of Political Science, LSE Chair in Government
London School of Economics and Political Science, May 2024-

Professor of Comparative Politics, Government and International Development
London School of Economics and Political Science, September 2013-2014

Member of Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), Max Planck Institute for Political and Social Science, April 2026-2032

Elected Member, American Academy of the Arts and Sciences, 2020-

Elected, Fellow of the British Academy, 2021-

Chair Fellow: Joe R. Long Endowed Chair in Democratic Studies, UT Austin. September 2010-2013
Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin, 2006-2013
Assistant and Associate Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin, 1990-2006

Faculty Associate
Whalen Visiting Professor, Tsinghua University MingZai School of International Studies, Beijing, April 2023, April 2024, April 2025
Research Associate, LSE International Inequalities Institute, 2017-2024+
Chercheur Associé, Pôle Foncier, Montpellier, 2014-2020
Senior Fellow, Strauss Center for Internat'l Security, LBJ School of Public Policy, UT Austin, 2006-2013
Visiting Fulbright Professor, Beijing Foreign Studies University, PR China, 2002-2003
Visiting Professor, Centro de Investigacion y Docencias Economicas (CIDE), Division of International Studies, Mexico City, 2000-2001.
Visiting Researcher, Centre Ivorien de Recherches Economiques et Sociales (CIRES), Univ. FHB Abidjan (Cocody), Abidjan, 1990-1992
Visiting Researcher, Centre Des Etudes Supérieures en Gestion (CESAG), Dakar, Senegal, 1985-86.

Education
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Department of Political Science. Ph.D. Concentrations in Comparative Politics, Political Economy, African Politics.
University of California, San Diego. BA, 1981. Honors in Political Science, Minors Economics and French Literature
University of Nairobi, Kenya. University of California exchange student and President's Research Fellow, 1979. Focus Agricultural and International Economics.

Book Awards

Honorable Mention, 2025 Book Award of the African Politics Conference Group of APSA and the African Studies Association. For *Inequality and Political Cleavage in Africa: Regionalism by Design.*
Winner, 2016 Gregory Luebbert Award for Best Book in Comparative Politics Published in 2014 or 2015, American Political Science Association, for *Property and Political Order in Africa*.

Winner, Best Book of 2014 Award, African Politics Conference Group of the American Political Science Association and the African Studies Association, for *Property and Political Order in Africa*

Finalist, Best Book of 2014 Herskovitz Award of the African Studies Association, for the best book published in the preceding two years, for *Property and Political Order in Africa*

Winner, Mattei Dogan Book Award, 2005, Society for Comparative Research, for *Political Topographies of the African State* (May 2005).

Finalist, Luebbert Book Award, Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, for *Political Topographies of the African State* (September 2004),

Finalist, Herskovitz Book Award, African Studies Association award for best English-language book in African Studies for 2002-2003, for *Political Topographies of the African State* (October 2004).

Finalist: Herskovitz Award, granted by the African Studies Association for best book published in English in the preceding two years in African Studies, for *Merchant Capital and the the Roots of State Power in Senegal*, November 1993.

Other: *Foreign Policy* "Books for the Century: Africa." Sept/Oct. 2022: *Political Topographies of the African State* (2003)

Article Awards:
Finalist: Best Article Award for 2009, American Political Science Association African Politics Conference Group, for "Electoral Populism Where Property Rights Are Weak," *Comparative Politics*, Jan. 2009.

CP Nominee: Best Article 2017-2019, APSA Comparative Politics Organized Section, for "Captured Countryside: Spatial Patterns of Voting in Africa's SMD Elections," with Michael Wahman, *Comparative Politics* 50/2 (2018): 189-216.

Other Awards and Fellowships

Distinguished Africanist Award for Exceptional Impact on the Field of African Politics. African Politics Conference Group of the APSA and ASA (awarded bi-annually). Presented at the 2024 Annual Meetings of the African Studies Association, Chicago. 12 Dec. 2024
Harold Laski Chair in Political Science (LSE Sept. 2023).
ESRC Research Grant, ES/R005753/1, 2018-2021 (£990,000), C. Boone, PI, "Spatial Dynamics in African Political Economy"
LSE RIIF Seed Fund Grant BRC-B076, June 2016. Spatial Inequalities in African Political Economy. (£13,148), to build a spatial inequality dataset for 10 African countries.
LSE International Inequalities Institute (III) Research Innovation Fund Grant, Oct. 2015, for work on land administration across Kenya's 47 new counties (GBP 10,000)
LSE STICERD Pilot Research Grant, April 2015 for work on administrative unit restructuring in Côte d'Ivoire (GBP 6,000).
College Research Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas, Spring 2010.
American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), Research Fellowship, 2006-7: "Land Rights and

National Politics in Africa"
Fellow, H. Malcolm Macdonald Chair Fund, Univ. of Texas, 2006-2007.
Faculty Research Award, University of Texas, Fall 2006.
Special Research Grant, University of Texas at Austin, Jan. 2005 ("Land Reform in Senegal")
Fulbright Senior Scholar Award, People's Republic of China, Beijing Foreign Studies University, 2002-3.
Special Research Grant, "Commercial Banking and the Politics of Economic Reform" (with Clement Henry), University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2000.
Special Research Grant, UT Austin, "Globalization and Financial Sector Reform," Summer 1999
Dean's Fellow, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 1999
Special Research Grant, Univ. of Texas at Austin, "Globalization and Financial Sector Reform," Spr. 1998
Harvard Academy for Int'l and Area Studies, Academy Scholar, Sept. 1990 through July 1992
Fulbright Research Award, May-October, 1991 and March-May, 1992.
McNamara Research Fellowship, The Economic Development Institute, The World Bank, 1991.
Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, 1990-1992

Teaching Recognition

LSE International Development, Student Nomination, "Inspirational Teaching," 2021
LSE International Development, Students' Teaching Excellence Award Nominee, 2015
College of Liberal Arts Nominee (One of five, of a faculty of approx. 600) for UT Austin Academy of Distinguished Teachers, March 2011
Government Department Nominee for UT Austin Academy of Distinguished Teachers, Nov. 2010
Friar Society of UT Austin, Award Committee Nominee for Centennial Teaching Fellowship, 2008
Government Dept. Award Committee Nominee for Liberal Arts Graduate Teaching Award, 2008
Government Department Nominee for Harry Ransom Award for Teaching Excellence, 2001
Government Department Nominee for Liberal Arts Graduate Teaching Award, 2000
Government Department Nominee for Liberal Arts Undergraduate Teaching Award, 1997

Publications: Books

Inequality and Political Cleavage in Africa: Regionalism by Design. Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics, Cambridge University Press, 2024.
Reviews:
Anne Pitcher, Review essay, *Perspectives on Politics*, 23/3 (2025): 1150-1155. Also here.
Sebastian Elischer, Review essay, *Political Science Quarterly,* n. 4, 2025
Kent Eaton, *Journal of Development Studies*, Book review. Dec. 2024.
Kimberly Shella, *African Studies Review,* 67/4 (2024): 1116-1118.
Awoyemi Adeniyi, *GIGA Africa Spectrum,* 60/2 (2025): 337-339.
ND Vivek, Book review, *The African Review,* 52 (2025): 563-66.

Property and Political Order in Africa: Land Rights and the Structure of Politics. Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics, New York and Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Political Topographies of the African State: Territorial Authority and Institutional Choice (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics, 2003).

Merchant Capital and the Roots of State Power in Senegal, 1930-1985 (Cambridge University Press, 1993). Paperback edition, Cambridge, Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics, 2006.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Partisan Politics in Africa's Agricultural Commodity Export Sectors," with Michael Mugisha. *World Development* 207 (November 2026) 107508

"Regional Cleavages and Sectoral Policy in African Countries," with Juliette Crespin-Boucaud and Eun Kyung Kim. *Studies in Comparative International Development* (*SCID*). 8 April 2025. doi.org/10.1007/s12116-024-09446-y

"Regional Cleavages in African Electoral Politics," with Michael Wahman, Stephan Kyburz, and Andrew Linke. *Political Geography* 99 (November) 2022: 1-24.

"Promised Land: Settlement Schemes in Kenya: 1960 to 2016," with Fibian Lukalo and Sandra Joireman. *Political Geography* 89 (June 2021): 1-13.

"Push, Pull, and Push-back to Land Certification: Regional dynamics in pilot certification projects in Côte d'Ivoire," with Brice Bado, Irigo Zibo, and Aristide Dion, *Journal of Modern African Studies,* 59/3, Sept. 2021: 247-72.

"Legal empowerment of the poor through property rights reform: Tensions and trade-offs of land registration and titling in sub-Saharan Africa," *Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 55:3 (March 2019): 384-400. (Featured as part of special JDS collection on "The Politics of Development," issued in October 2022)

"Land Politics under Kenya's New Constitution: Limits to the Institutional Fix," with Alex Dyzenhaus, Catherine Gateri, Seth Ouma, James Owino, Ambreena Manji, and Jacqueline Klopp, *African Affairs* 118/471 (2018): 215-237.

"Shifting Visions of Property under Competing Political Regimes: Changing Uses of Côte d'Ivoire's 1998 Land Law," *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 56/2 (2018): 189-216.

Sons of the Soil Conflict in Africa: Institutional Determinants of Ethnic Conflict over Land," *World Development,* 96 (2017): 276-293.

"Captured Countryside: Spatial Patterns of Voting in Africa's SMD Elections," with Michael Wahman, *Comparative Politics* 50/2 (2018): 189-216.

"Designing Electoral Institutions in Africa: Malapportionment and Rural Bias" (with Michael Wahman), *Electoral Studies* 40 (December), 2015, pp. 335-346.

"Land Tenure Regimes and State Structure in Rural Africa: Implications for Forms of Resistance to Large-Scale Land Acquisitions," *J. of Contemporary African Studies*, 33/2, 2015: 171-190.

"Land Regimes and the Creation of Ethnicity: Evidence from Tanzania" (with Lydia Nyeme), *Comparative Politics* 48/1 (October) 2015, pp. 67-84.

"Gathering Authority: Forming States? Land Struggles in Contemporary Africa" (with Christian Lund), introductory chapter for Special Issue of *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*, 83.1 (February) 2013: 1-13.

"Property Regimes and the Structure of Politics," *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*, 83.1 (February) 2013: 188-203.

"Ethnic Land Rights in Western Ghana: Landlord-Stranger Relations in the Democratic Era" (with Dennis Duku), *Development and Change* 43/3 (May) 2012: 671-694.

"Land Conflict and Distributive Politics in Kenya," *African Studies Rev.*, 55/1 (April 2012): 75-103.

"Politically Allocated Land Rights and the Geography of Electoral Violence in Kenya," *Comparative Political Studies*, vol. 44, n. 10 (October 2011): 1311-1342.

"Multiparty Elections and Land Patronage: Zimbabwe and Côte d'Ivoire," with Norma Kriger. *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, vol. 48, n. 2 (April) 2010: 173-202.

"Electoral Populism Where Property Rights Are Weak: Land Politics in Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa," *Comparative Politics*, 41/2 (January) 2009: 183-201. Finalist the the Best Article Award for papers published in 2009, American Political Science Association African Politics Conference Group.

"Property and Constitutional Order: Land Tenure Reform and the Future of the African State," *African Affairs* 106 (Oct. 2007): 557-86.

"Africa's New Territorial Politics: Regionalism and the Open Economy in Côte d'Ivoire," *African Studies Review*, vol. 50, n. 1 (April 2007): 59-81.

“State, Capital, and the Politics of Banking Reform in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *Comparative Politics*, vol. 37, n. 4 (July 2005): 401-420.

“Neoliberalism in the Middle East and Africa: Divergent Banking Reform Trajectories, 1980-2000,” with Clement Henry. *Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, vol. 42, n. 3, 2004: 356-93.

"Decentralization as Political Strategy in West Africa," *Comparative Political Studies*, 36/4, May 2003: 355-380.

“Politics and AIDS in Africa: Research Agendas in Political Science and International Relations,” with Jake Batsell, *Africa Today*, vol. 48, n. 2, 2001: 3-35.

“From Statism to Liberalism in Senegal: Shifting Politics of Indigenous Business Interests,” with Ibrahima Thioub and Momar Coumba Diop, *African Studies Review*, vol. 41, n. 2 (July), 1998, pp. 63-90.

"State Building in the African Countryside: Structure and Process at the Grassroots," *Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 34, n. 4 (April) 1998. (corrigenda in Vol. 35, n. 1, October 1998), pp. 1-31.

"Rural Interests and the Making of Modern African States," *Journal of African Economic History,* vol. 23, 1995, pp. 1-36.

"The Social Origins of Ivoirian Exceptionalism: Rural Society and State Formation," *Comparative Politics*, vol. 27, n. 4, July 1995, pp. 445-464.

"Trade, Taxes, and Tribute: Market Liberalizations and the New Importers in West Africa," *World Development,* vol. 22, n. 3, 1994, pp. 453-468.

"Commerce in Côte d'Ivoire: Ivoirianization without Ivoirian Traders," *Journal of Modern African Studies*, vol. 31, n. 1, 1993, pp. 67-92.

"State Power and Economic Crisis in Africa," *Comparative Politics,* 22/3 (April) 1990, pp. 341-358.

"The Making of a Rentier Class: Wealth Accumulation and Political Control in Senegal," *Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 26, n. 3 (April) 1990, pp. 425-449.

Contributions to edited volumes (since 2005)

"Land Tenure Reform." 2026. Ch. 44, in Anne Mette Kjaer, Moses Khisa, and Xichavo Alecia Ndlovu, eds. *Elgar Encyclopedia of African Politics*. Edward Edgar: Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, pp. 252-260.

Boone, Catherine. 2019. "Land-Related Conflict and Electoral Politics in Africa," In Nic Cheeseman et al, eds., Oxford Encyclopaedia of African Politics. Oxford University Press. doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.758.

"Property and Constitutional Order: Land Tenure Reform and the Future of the African State," in N. Cheeseman, L. Whitfield, and C. Death, eds., *The African Affairs Reader: Key Tests in Politics, Development, and International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), pp. 57-87 [reprinted from *African Affairs*, 106 (Oct. 2007): 557-86].

"Land and Property Institutions: Endogenous Origins and Equilibrium Effects," in Nic Cheeseman, ed., *Institutions and Democracy in Africa* (Cambridge U. Press, 2018): 60-91.

"Land Patronage and Elections: Winners and Losers in Zimbabwe and Côte d'Ivoire," with Norma Kriger. Dorina A. Bekoe, ed., *Voting in Fear: Electoral Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace, USIP Press, 2012), pp. 75-117.

"Contested Land Rights in Rural Africa: Ghana and Kenya Compared," in Ellen Lust and Steven Ndegwa, eds., *Governing Africa's Changing Societies: The Dynamics of Reform* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Press, 2012), pp. 73-110.

"The China Model in Africa: A New Brand of Developmentalism," in Robert Springborg, editor, *Development Models in Muslim Contexts: Chinese, 'Islamic' and Neo-liberal Alternatives* (Edinburgh University Press, 2009, pp. 47-83.

"Political Science, International Relations, and AIDS in Africa," with Jake Batsell, in Robert Ostergard, ed., *HIV/AIDS and the Threat to National and International Security* (Palgrave, 2007), pp. 3-36. This is a rewrite and up-date of our 2001 piece.

Selected Reviews, Review Essays, Working Papers since 2000

Catherine Boone, 2025. "**Spatial inequality and the political economy of redistribution in African countries**," WIDER Working Paper Series wp-2025-51, World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).

Catherine Boone, Francesca Di Matteo, Maryanne Mburu, Kibet Brian Kipruto and Daisy Sibun. 2023. "Kenyan Scholars on Kenyan Land: An Inventory of Kenyan Theses and Dissertations on Settlement Schemes in Kenya," *Les Cahiers d'Afrique de l'Est / The East African Review* [En ligne], 58 | 2023, mis en ligne le 04 juillet 2023, consulté le 10 juillet 2023. URL : http://journals.openedition.org/eastafrica/4231 ; DOI : https://doi.org/10.4000/eastafrica.4231

Fibian Lukalo, Catherine Boone, and Sandra Joireman. *Mapping Settlement Schemes in Kenya*. Nairobi: National Commission, 2019. ISBN 978-9966-1928-5-1.

Catherine Boone, Aristide Dion, Zibo Irigo, and Brice Bado. Push, Pull, and Push-Back to Land Certification: Regional dynamics in pilot certification projects in Côte d'Ivoire, LSE Dept. of International Development Working Paper n. 200 (January 2020).

Catherine Boone and Rebecca Simson. "Regional Inequalities in African Political Economy: Theory, Conceptualization, Measurement, and Political Effects," LSE Dept. of International Development Working Paper n. 194, March 2019. Available at https://ideas.repec.org/p/ehl/wpaper/100861.html

"Régimes fonciers et structure politique: Modéliser les conflits liés à la terre," Cahiers du Pôle Foncier n. 17/2017, Pôle Foncier, Montpellier, May.

"Legal Empowerment of the Poor through Property Rights Reform: Tensions and trade-offs of land registration and titling in Sub-Saharan Africa," United Nations University UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2017/37 (Feb. 2017). https://www.wider.unu.edu/sites/default/files/wp2017-37_0.pdf

"Captured Countryside: Spatial Patterns of Voting in Africa's SMD Elections" (w/ Michael Wahman), LSE ID Working Paper n. W172, June 2015.

“China’s ‘Easy Phase’ of Opening: Review of David Zweig, Internationalizing China,” *Issues and Studies: An Int. Quarterly on China, Taiwan, and E. Asian Affairs* [Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taipei], vol. 40, n. 1 (March) 2004: 226-31.

“Poststructuralism as a Historical Condition [review essay],” *American Anthropologist*, vol. 105, n. 2 (June) 2003: 359-63.

“Banking Reform in the Middle East and North Africa: 1980-2000,” with Clement Henry, Centro de Investigaction y Docencia Economicas (CIDE), Mexico City, Division Estudios Internationales, Working Paper n.77, Spring 2001, 51 pages.

Other Journal Publications

"Experimental approaches in development and poverty alleviation," *World Development*, vol. 127 March 2020 (with *WD* editors: Yana Rodgers, Anthony Bebbington, Jampel Dell'Angelo, J-P Platteau, and Arun Agrawal): 1-7.

"Territorial Politics and the Reach of the State: Unevenness by Design" *Revista de Ciencia Política* (Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile), vol. 32, n. 3, 2012: 623-42.

"History and Culture Paradigms in African Studies,” guest editor’s introduction to ISTOR-Africa, *Istor: Revista de Historia International* [Mexico City], Vol. 14, Fall 2003: 1-12.

“Las nuevas perspectivas de Africa ante el milenio,” *Istor: Revista de Historia International* [Mexico City], Vol. 11, n. 7, Invierno 2001:101-14.

“La libéralisation de l’économie et les groupements professionels au Sénégal,” *Sociétés Africaines et Diaspora* (Paris: L’Harmattan), n. 5, January 1997 (with Ibrahima Thioub and Momar Coumba Diop), pp. 5-45.

Published Datasets

Kenya Settlement Scheme Data Project. Aug 24, 2020 - Spatial Inequalities in African Political Economy Lukalo, Fibian; Boone, Catherine; Browne, Kimberley; Joireman, Sandra, 2020, "Kenya Settlement Schemes Data Project", https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/1KC6OB, Harvard Dataverse, VERSION 1

Boone, Catherine; Crespin-Boucaud, Juliette; Eun, Kim Kyung, 2024, "Replication Data for: Sectoral interests and regional bloc voting in African countries," Boone, Crespin-Boucaud, and Kim: Replication Data (view at https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/Africa_Regional_Voting).

Boone, Catherine; Crespin-Boucaud, Juliette; Eun, Kim Kyung, 2024, "Replication Data for: Sectoral interests and regional bloc voting in African countries," https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/GBHAET, Harvard Dataverse, V1.

Boone, Catherine, 2024, "Spatial Inequalities in African Political Economy June 2022 data posting", https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/FCEZTD, Harvard Dataverse, V1, UNF:6:B4nPUDn6NLn82CTSQPxnrQ== [fileUNF] Data and replication files for Boone, 2024, *Inequality and Political Cleavage in Africa: Regionalism by Design* (Cambridge).

Work in preparation and/or under review

"Land Reform, public goods, and poverty reduction in the long-run: Evidence from Kenya's settlement schemes," with Juliette Crespin-Boucaud (first author) and Alexander Moradi, in preparation.

"Land Registration in Côte d'Ivoire: Race to the Swift," with Matthew Ribar (for presentation at the 2026 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association.

"Symposium: *Africa After the End of History*," co-edited with Pierre Englebert. For journal submission in Nov. 2026.

Invited Lectures and recent conference presentations/ papers (selected)

Endowed Annual Lecture: Robert Rotberg Annual Lecture on Africa, Oberlin College and Conservatory. "Political Rupture in a Post-Liberal World: Changing Regionalism in Africa." 22 and 23 April 2026.

Keynote: "Regional Cleavages in a Post-Liberal World: Changing Regionalisms in Africa." Political Studies Association (UK) 2026 Annual Meeting, Oxford, 1 April 2026.

"Regional Cleavages in Africa; Structure and Change in a Post-Globalization World." University of Wisconsin-Madison Comparative Politics Seminar Series, 19 March 2026, and UW African Studies lecture series, 18 March 2026.

"Land Reform by Trial and Error -- Things seen and unforeseen in Côte d'Ivoire." Keynote, 5th International Land Management Conference, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), UK FCDO, and Land International Network for Knowledge (LINKS), 3-4 March, London, RICS House, Parliament Square

Partisan Politics in Africa's Agricultural Commodity Export Sectors, with Michael Mugisha. Paper presented at the 2025 Annual Meetings of the African Studies Association, 22 November. Atlanta, GA.

"Land Reform, public goods, and poverty reduction in the long-run: Evidence from Kenya's settlement schemes," with Juliette Crespin-Boucaud (and Alex Moradi, non-presenting co-author). University

College London (UCL) Department of Politics, Departmental Seminar, 29 Oct. 2025.

"Regionalism and sectionalism in national political economies in Africa." Departmental Seminar, Fall 2025, Department of Politics and International Relations, SOAS. 8 October 2025.

Partisan Politics in Africa's Agricultural Commodity Export Sectors, with Michael Mugisha. Paper presented at the 2025 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, 11 September. Vancouver, B.C.

Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: China's Century? A lecture at Tsinghua University, Global Governance, 15 April 2025

Policy and Politics in Africa's Agricultural Commodity Export Sectors, with Michael Mugisha. A paper presented at the 2024 Annual Meetings of the African Studies Association, 5 December. Chicago.

"Between Regionalism and National Economic Integration: Political Economy of Nation-Building in African Countries," Presented at Nationalism in the Global South Conference, 25-26 Octoboer 2024. Bobst Center, Princeton University.

"Economic Inequality and Electoral Politics in Africa." University of Konstanz Department of Politics Cluster of Excellence on "The Politics of Inequality." 13 November 2024.

"Inequality of Political Cleavage in Africa: Author meets Critics Roundtable," APSA 2024, Philadelphia.

"Spatial inequality and the political economy of redistribution in African countries." Conference on New Insights on Inequality and Economic Transformation: Revisiting the Kuznets Curve at 70, UNU WIDER, Helsinki, 12-13 September 2024 (organized by Andy Sumner, Kunal Sen, and Ravi Kanbur).

"Regional Bloc Voting and Sectoral Interests: Kenya, Malawi, and Zambia," a paper presented at the Political Parties in Africa Virtual Conference (22-23 Feb. 2024) with Juliette Crespin-Boucaud and Eun Kyung Kim. 24 Feb. 2024.

"Uneven Development and Political Cleavages in African Politics," Fudan University, Shanghai. LSE-Fudan Research Centre for Global Public Policy. 17 April 2023.

"Spatial Inequality and Electoral Geography," a presentation with Dr. Juliette Crespin-Boucaud for the Afrobarometer Capacity Building Worshop on Theory and Application of GIS, 24 July 2023, Cape Town (virtual).

"Inequality and political cleavage in African countries," Lecture series "Rural Development & Welfare in Africa", University of Bremen, Germany, CRC 1342 "Global Dynamics of Social Policy," 2 March 2023 (virtual).

"Inequality and Political Cleavage in Africa: Regionalism in Electoral Politics," Barcelona Institute for International Studies (IBEI), University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 6 February 2023.

"Regionalism by Design." Uneven Development and Territorial Politics in Africa. University of Geneva, Political Science Comparative Politics Group research seminar. 12 December 2022.

"African Democracy in an Age of Democratic Retrenchment," King's College London Department of

International Development 10th Anniversary Conference, 4 November 2022.

"Inequality and Cleavage in African Politics," Oxford Centre for the Study of African Economies, OXPEG (Oxford Political Economy of Africa Group), 43November 2022.

"Regional Cleavages and Sectoral Policy in African Countries: Building on the material base of electoral blocs," with Eun Kyung Kim and Juliette Crespin-Boucaud (LSE African Political Economy Group, 19 Oct. 2022).

"Spatial Inequality in African Political Economy," Comparative Politics Seminar, Univeristy of California at Berkeley, 7 April 2022.

"Regionalism Reconsidered: Economic Inequalities and Territorial Oppositions in African Politics," African Studies Center Leiden, Leiden University, 28 October 2021.

"An electoral geography of Africa: Regionalism and sectoral profiles of persistent electoral blocs" with Eun Kyung Kim and Juliette Crespin-Boucaud, a paper presented at the 2021 annual meetings of the American Political Science Assocation, 30 Sept. 2021 (virtual)

"Colonialism's Legaicies in Africa: Cohesion and Cleavage in National Electorates," with Juliette Crespin-Boucaud, Society for the Study of Socio-Economics, SASE 2021, 2 July 2021

Discussant, "Rountable on Unsettled Land Agendas and Resesearch Priorities for the Future," UK Development Studies Assocation annual meeting, 1 July 2021.

"Push, Pull, and Push-back to Land Certification: Regional dynamics in pilot certification projects in Côte d'Ivoire," with Aristide Dion, presented at the 2021 Annual Meetings of the UK Development Studies Assocation, 1 July 2021.

"From Identity to Economy: Social Cleavages in African Politics." Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard, 14 April 2021 (virtual).

"From Identity to Economy: Social Cleavages in African Politics." LSE CP/ CPE Seminar Series, 3 March 2021 (w. Michael Wahman)

"Fostering Food Systems Transformation: Integrating Political Insights: Political Topographies and Political Settlements," Invited keynote, UN FAO Webinar (with Mustaq Khan), 25 Feb. 2021.

""Regional Cleavages and Territorial Oppositions in African Politics," with Michael Wahman. Political Parties in Africa 2021 Conference (virtual, 21-22 January and 18-19 February).

""Regional Cleavages and Territorial Oppositions in African Politics," Department of Political Science, Dartmouth College, 27 January 2021.

"Land Reform, public goods, and poverty reduction in the long-run: Evidence from Kenya's settlement schemes," with Juliette Crespin-Boucaud (first author) and Alexander Moradi, North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Dartmouth, NH, 7 November 2020 (on-line).

"Regional Cleavages and Territorial Oppositions in African Politics," with Michael Wahman. American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, San Franciso, CA (on line), 1 Sept. 2020.

"Land Reform and poverty reduction in the long-run: Evidence from Kenya's settlement schemes," with Juliette Crespin-Boucaud (first author) and Alexander Moradi (to have been presented at the World Bank Land and Poverty Meeting, Washington DC., April 2020 -- Covid-19 cancellation).

"La terre rurale aussi a son papier: Le certificat foncier en Côte d'Ivoire," presented at the IHA-CREPOS [University Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar], Dakar, Senegal, 30 Janvier 2020.

Keynote: Adrian Leftwich Memorial Lecture, Spatial Inequalities in African Political Economy, University Manchester Institute of Global Development, 13 Nov. 2019

Keynote Panel, Plenary Rountable: Looking Forward? Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Oct. 12, 2019.

"Kenyan Settlement Schemes: Past and Present," with Fibian Lukalo and Sandra Joireman, British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA) conference on Land Governance and Subnational Political Dynamics in Kenyan Politics, Nairobi, 7 June 2019.

"Entraves et espoirs de la mise en application de la Loi sur le foncier rural: Vie sociale du certificat foncier," avec Aristide Dion et Irigo Zibo, CERAP (Centre de recherche et d'action pour la paix, 15 mai 2019, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

"Spatial Inequalities in African Political Economy," Yale University Dept. of Political Science Comparative Politics Seminar Series, 23 April 2019.

"Spatial Inequalities in African Political Economy," University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Dept. of Political Science Comparative Politics Seminar Series, 26 April 2019.

"Regional inequality and Land Reform in Africa," Aarhus University, Denmark, Dept of Politics. 18 December 2018.

"Kenya's Smallholder Settlement Schemes Past and Present: A Retrospective and Prospective Analysis of New Data to Understand Inequality," with Fibian Lukalo, National Land Commission of Kenya. African Studies Asso., Atlanta, GA, 28 November 2018

"Regional Inequalities and the Shaping of African Electoral Competition: The Political Geography of Electoral Coalitions in Africa, " with Michael Wahman, MSU. Annual meetings of the African Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, 30 November 2018

"Internal Borders and the Building-Blocs of Territorialized Representation in African Countries," a paper presented at the 2018 Annual meeting of APSA, Boston, 1 Sept. 2018.

with Fibian Lukalo and Sandra Joireman. "Kenya Settlement Schemes: Past and Present," British Institute in Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 18 June 2018.

"Regional Inequality and Land Reform in Africa," Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI) Research Seminar, 12 March 2018.

"Land Conflict and Land Law Reform Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa," Ghent University Conflict Research Group, Invited Lecturer 9 March 2018.

"Regional Inequality and the Politics of Land Law Reform in Africa," Watson Institute of International and Public Affairs and Brown Africa Initiative Lecture, Brown University, 26 February 2018.

"Regional Inequalities and Politics of Titling," LSE Land Politics Workshop, 7 Feb. 2018.

Keynote. 17th Annual Figuerola Lecture in Social Science History, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, 6 November 2017: "Regionalism and Land Enclosures in African Countries."

"The Pan-Africanist Career of Willard Johnson: Scholar, Activist, African American Genealogist," presentation to the Annual Meetings of the African Studies Association, 16 November 2017, Chicago.

Keynote panelist, "The Politics of Development: Land Institutons and the Limits of an Institutional Fix," Conference on Development in the Face of Global Inequalities, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internationales (IBEI), 11-13 May 2017, Barcelona.

"Regional Inequaities and Conflicting Preferences of Land Registration and Titling in Africa," Oxford Dept. of Political Comparative Political Economy Seminar, Nuffield College, Oxford, 4 May 2017.

"Regional Inequaities and Conflicting Preferences of Land Registration and Titling in Africa," University of Lisbon School of Economics and Management and Center for the Study of Africa and Latin America, ISEG/CESA, 29 March 2017.

2017 World Bank Land Conference, keynote for working group on land tenure reform in Africa, March 24, 2017, (declined due to teaching commitment)

"Regional Inequalities and Divergent Preferences for Market-Promoting Land Tenure Reform," U. Gothenburg [Sweden], Dept. Political Science, Prog. Governance and Local Development, 24 Feb. 2017.

"Regional Inequalities and Divergent Preferences for Market-Promoting Land Tenure Reform, LSE International Inequalities Institute lecture, 31 January 2017.

Juan March Institute Annual 2017 Keynote lecture (Declined due to teaching conflict)

"Inégalités régionales et préférences pour des réformes créant des marchés fonciers: Etude préliminaire" [Regional Inequality and Preferences for Market-Promoting Land Law Reform: Preliminary Study], Séminarie ART-Developpément Eau-Terre, Université Montpellier 3, 8 December 2016

"Sons-of-the-Soil Conflict in Africa: Institutional determinants of forms of ethnic conflict over land," at the Princeton Dept. of Politics seminar on Democracy and Development, Princeton, 29 March 2016.

"Institutions and Sons-of-the-Soil Conflict in Africa," presented at the the Oxford Politics and Blavatnik Democracy and Difference Seminar, Oxford, 4 March 2016.

“Models of Change in Land Tenure Relations: Political Vision and Societal Interests,” Keynote lecture at "Governing Land," Gulu U. and Aarhus U. TrustLand Workshop, Gulu, Uganda, 6 January 2016.

"Decentralized Land Management in Kenya: Implications for Equity, Security, and Land Markets, LSE-BIEA Workshop on Decentralized Land Management in Kenya, Nairobi, BIEA, 3 January 2016.

"Subnational Boundaries and Political Territory in Africa," a presentation for the 2015 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, 19 November 2015.

"Land Privatisation in Côte d'Ivoire: Defusing the Land-Conflict Time Bomb?" Chatham House Africa Program, Côte d'Ivoire's 2015 National Elections, London, 29 Sept. 2015.

"Trajectories Politiques de la Loi 98-750 en Côte d'Ivoire," invited Keynote, Chair Bioethique en Sciences Sociales, Université Alassane Ouattara (formerly Univ. of Bouaké), Côte d'Ivoire, 11 Sept. 2015

"Politics of Scale: Hypothetical Relationships in Devolution," Oxford Workshop on the Politics of Devolution in Kenya, Oxford University, St. Andrew's College, 23 Feb. 2015

"Property Institutions and the Making of States in Africa," Agrarian Change Seminar Series, Dept. of Development Studies, University of London, SOAS, 26 Feb. 2015

"'Sons of the Soil Conflict in Africa?' State Partisanship in the Making of Ethnic Conflict," Centre des Etudes Maghrébines à Tunis (CEMAT), CEMAT-CEMA (Centre d'Etudes Maghrébines en Algérie) Guggenheim North African Scholars Workshop, 10 Feb. 2015

"Property Institutions and Sub-National Politics in Africa: Implications for 'Sons-of-the-Soil' Debates," University of London, SOAS, Department of Politics, 21 Jan. 2015.

"Resistance to Land-Scale Land Acquisitions in Africa: The Structuring Effect of Land Tenure Regimes," A paper prepared for the 2014 Annual Meetings of the African Studies Asso., Indianapolis, , 21 Nov. 2014.

"Land Institutions and Land Politics in Africa," a paper prepared for the Journées Doctorales Foncier, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme de Montpellier, Journées Doctorales Foncier, 13-16 Octobre 2014.

"Alternative Perspectives on 'The African State': Implications of Land Institutions Research," Keynote lecture, Ghent University Doctoral Workshop, "At the Margins and the State: Property and Authority in Conflict Zones," 16-20 September 2014.

"State Institutions and the Political Creation of Ethnicity in Africa: Evidence from Tanzania," paper presented at the annual meetings of the APSA, Washington, DC, 30 August 2014.

Property and Political Order in Africa: Institutionalist Theories of State and Constituency Formation," Property and Citizenship in Developing Countries (ProCit) Research Unit Seminar, Copenhagen University, Frederiksberg Campus, 8 May 2014.

"Institutions and State Effects in Africa: Land Regimes and Property Rights Struggles," 18 April 2014. Urban Inequalities and Comparative Politics Workshop, Department of PS, UC Berkeley.

"Property Rights Politics in Africa," African Studies Center, U. of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, 12 March 2014.

"Property and Political Order in Africa," African Politics and History Seminar, Queen Elizabeth House, Department of International Development, Oxford University, 17 February 2014.

"Territorial Politics and the Reach of the State: Comparative Perspectives on Africa," Stockholm University Department of Political Science, 6 Feb. 2014.

"Land Regimes and the Political Structuring of Ethnicity: Evidence from Manyara Region, Tanzania," Nordiska Afirkainstitutet/Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden, 5 February 2014.

"Land Regimes and the Political Ethnicity: Tanzania as a Counterfactual," London School of Economics Department of International Development Staff Seminar Series, 29 January 2014.

"Land and Elections: African Debates on Property, Citizenship, and the National Market," LSE Gov. Department Public Lecture Series in Comparative Politics, 4 Nov. 2013.

"Land Tenure Regimes and State Structure in Rural Africa: Implications for the forms of resistance to large-scale land acquisitions by outsiders," prepared for the workshop on "Authority, territory, community: Regional dynamics of water, land tenure regimes, and state formation in Africa," organized by the Nordic Africa Institute and the Nile Basin Initiative, Kampala, Uganda, 15 October 2013.

"Subnational Comparative Analysis: Progress and Prospects," A paper presented at the 2013 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 30 August 2013.

"Rising Competition for Land in Africa: Redistributive Struggles and their Political Effects," U. of Chicago, Department of PS Comp. Politics Workshop, 13 Feb. 2013

"Whose Land is It? The Politics of Land in Sub-Saharan Africa," with Sam Moyo (African Institute of Agrarian Studies, Harare, Zimbabwe and CODESRIA president, 2008-12), London School of Economics and Political Science 'Africa Talks' Lecture Series, LSE, 12 November 2012.

"Property and Political Order in Africa: Land Rights and the Structure of Politics," Northwestern University, Equality, Development, and Globalization Studies (EDGS), 23 October 2012.

Civil War, Civil Conflict, and Local Political Structure in Sub-Saharan Africa," a lecture for the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden, 20 Sept. 2012.

Territorial Politics and the Reach of the State: Unevenness by Design," a paper presented at the conference on *The State of Stateness in Latin America in the 21st Century: Concepts and Challenges*, Instituto de Ciencia Politica, Universidad Católica de Chile in Santiago de Chile, 29-30 March 2012.

"Property and Politics in sub-Saharan Africa," University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Center for African and African-American Studies and Department of Political Science, 21 Feb. 2012

"Property and Political Order: Property Regimes and the Scope of Politics in Africa," Department of Politics, University of Virginia, 4 November 2011.

"Land Regimes and the Political Structuring of Ethnicity: Evidence from Manyara Region, Tanzania," Texas Southern/Rice University "Tanzania and the World," 16-18 October 2011.

Politics of Land-Related Conflict: Examples from Ghana and Kenya," Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Africa Program, 4 November 2009.

Politicization of Land-Related Conflict: Examples from Ghana and Kenya," International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C., 16 October 2009.

"Conflict over Property Rights in Land in Africa's Liberalized Political Economies: Land Politics in Ghana and Kenya," U. of Indiana, Bloomington, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, (WOW4), 4 June 2009.

"Populism and Property Rights in sub-Saharan Africa," *Conference: Democracy Today*, New School for Social Research, Departments of Politics and Sociology, New York, 17 April 2009.

"Conflict over Property Rights in Land in Africa's Liberalized Political Economies," Presented at the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana U., Bloomington, 23 February 2009.

"Governing Rural Africa: Property, Citizenship, and Redistributive Conflict in Liberalized Political Economies," World Bank-Yale conference on Rethinking Development: Societal Transformations and the Challenges of Governance," Jan. 30-31, 2009, New Haven.

"Property Rights and Political Development in Africa," Yale Department of PS, 19 September 2008.

"The China Model in Africa: A New Brand of Developmentalism," a paper presented at the Seminar on Governance and Development, Aga Khan University (International) in the United Kingdom, 7 March 2008.

"Incremental versus Discontinuous Institutional Change: Property Rights and Land Conflict in Africa," Yale University Comparative Politics Workshop, New Haven, 26 February 2008.

"Competing Paradigms and Methods in the Study of Comparative Politics," Tsinghua University, Institute of International Studies, Beijing, PRC, 11 June 2007.

"Property Rights and Constitutional Order: Land Tenure Reform and the Future of the African State," University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop, 22 January 2007.

"Constitutionalism and Property Rights in Africa," Stanford University Comparative Politics Seminar Series, 1 May 2006.

Constitutionalism and Property Rights in Africa," Princeton U., Department of Politics, April 1, 2006.

"Territorial Politics in Africa," University of Michigan Department of Political Science Comparative Politics Seminar Series, March 23, 2006.

"Citizenship Crisis in Côte d'Ivoire," US Instit. of Peace Working Group on Côte d'Ivoire, 20 March 2006.

"Constitutions and Territoriality in Africa," Northwestern U. Depart. of Political Science, 20 January 2006.

"The New Territorial Politics in Africa," Harvard University, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, 12 March 2005.

"Land and Regional Conflict in West Africa," Duke U., Depart. of Political Science, 21 Feb. 2005

"Côte d'Ivoire and the New Regionalism in West Africa," Center for African Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, 18 Feb. 2005

"Using the New Institutional Economics to Understand Territorial Conflict in West Africa," Columbia University, Department of Political Science and School of International and Public Affairs, 10 Feb. 2005

“The New Territorial Politics in West Africa,” Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University. 29 April 2004.

"Open Economy State-building: The New Territorial Politics in Africa," Pomona-UCLA Joint Seminar in African Studies, Pomona, CA, 4 March 2004.

"HIV/AIDS and Democratization Politics," Conference on Governance and Insecurity in West Africa," Northwestern University, 13-15 Nov. 2003.

"Governance without Government?: State Decay and Political Order in Rural Africa," UCSD Departments of Economics and PS, symposium on "Beyond the Washington Consensus: New Directions in Development Policy," Nov. 7-8, 2003.

"Convergence and Divergence in National Institutional Trajectories in the Globalization Era: The Case of Agriculture in China, Mexico, and Côte d'Ivoire," Department of Economics, Sichuan University, Chengdu, People's Republic of China, 21 November 2002.

"Is agricultural policy in China "converging" toward a global norm?" Department of English and International Studies, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China, 5 December 2002.

Keynote speaker, "Open Economy State-Building," for conference on "The Political Economy of Africa Revisited," Institute for Global Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 21 April 2002.

"Banking Sector Reform in Africa and the Middle East," (with Clem Henry), Centro de Investigation y Docencia Economica (CIDE), La División de Estudios Internacionales, Mexico City, 14 May 2001.

"AIDS, International Relations, and Political Science," at the James S. Coleman UCLA African Studies Center symposium on "The HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Africa and World Response," 24 February 2001.

"State Building in the African Countryside: Structure and Process at the Grassroots," a paper presented to the Yale University Program in Agrarian Studies Colloquium Series, 12 September 1997.

Teaching

Convener, MSc in African Political Economy, LSE, 2014-2018

Graduate teaching, LSE: Political Economy of Africa (2013-2026); Seminar in Comparative Political Economy (with David Soskice), 2015-2024. Graduate Seminars, University of Texas at Austin: Political Economy Perspectives on Africa: Growth, Elections, War; Comparative Political Economy: Comparing National Economic Systems; Comparative Political Economy: Perspectives on Property Rights; Comparative Responses to Globalization; Comparative Politics: Development and Dependency; Approaches to Political Economy (with Camille Busette); Research Colloquium in Political Science; Comparative Political Economy; Comparative Political Economy of Globalization: Financial Reform in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East (with Prof. Clement Henry); Modern Africa: Trials of the Nation-State.

Undergraduate teaching, LSE GV: Global Change, Regional Responses: The Political Economy of Late Development (GV339); LSE GV: Inequality Politics in Comparative Perspective: Global North/ Global South (GV 334, LT 2022, LT 2023); LSE/GV Political Economy of Africa (LT 2015-2018, GV335); University of Texas at Austin: Politics in Africa; States and Peasants: Politics in Agrarian Societies; Global Change, Regional Responses: Comparative Politics of Development; Comparative Perspectives on Globalization; Globalization: Causes and Consequences in the US; U.S. Foreign Policy Towards the 'Third World'; America as a Global Power; Senior Honors Tutorial [Research Tutorial] in Political Science.

External Grants while at LSE

Leverhulme Research Grant ORPG-6372. "Regionalism and Inequalities in African Political Economy," £330,000. Submitted 10 June 2017 (not awarded)

ESRC Open Call ES/R005753/1. "Spatial Inequalities and African Political Economy," £940,000. Submitted 26 June 2017, grant start March 2018 (awarded)

Professional Service (Chair positions underlined; *elected positions in italics*)

UK FCDO Land Facility, Political Economy Advisory Group (2025-2026)
British Academy Global Talent Visa Panel, June 2025-
British Academy: Fellowship reviewer (all programmes, levels, 2020+)
ALIGN Strategic Advisory Board, 2022-24. (Advancing Land-based Investment Governance, IIED, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI), and Namati).
UK Development Studies Association Land Politics and Development Research Group, founder (with Julian Quan) 2021-2024.

UK Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021 Expert Panelist, Panel 19, Politics and International Relations. Nominated in 2017 by LSE Government (declined); LSE International Relations, the American Political Science Association, British International Studies Association, UK Political Studies Association, and the UK African Studies Association. Appointed in 2018; stepped off in 2019.

APSA Comparative Politics Section Nominating Committee, 2018, 2019 (chair)
APSA Professional Ethics, Rights, Freedoms Committee (Thelen appointment), Sept. 2017-Sept. 2018
APSA Ad hoc Presidential Committee on Human Subjects Research (Lake appointment), Sept. 2017+
APSA-ASA Joint Africa Initiative Committee, co-Chair (with Timothy Longman), August 2016-2019

Chair, Political Economy Organized Section, American Political Science Association, 2014-2016
ASPA Politics and History Organized Section, Council Member, 2015+
APSA Africa Initiative Steering Committee, Member, 2007-2015
APSA Program Co-Chair (with Archon Fung), 2013 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (Mansbridge appointment), 2012-2013
APSA Heinz Eulau Award Committee, to select the best paper published in the APSR or POP in 2010 (2010-11)(Pateman Appointment)
ASPA Africa Initiative, Co-leader, Workshop for African Political Scientists, Dakar, 6-27 July 2008.
APSA Comparative Politics Section, Executive Committee (elected) 1994-6, 2007-2010
APSA Comparative Politics Section, Luebbert Book Award Selection Committee, 1996
APSA Comp. Politics Section, Gregory Luebbert Book Award Selection Committee (Chair) 2007/8.
APSA Comparative Politics Section, Nominating Committee, 2004 and 2005.
APSA Comparative Politics Section, CP Newsletter Search Committee, 2010.

APSA Comparative Democratization Section, Vice Chair (elected), 2006-8.
APSA Comp. Democratization Section, Juan Linz Dissertation Award Committee (Chair), 2009-10.

APSA Politics and History Section, Nominating Committee (2011)
APSA Politics and History Section Walter Dean Burnham Dissertation Award Committee, 2011-12 (Chair)

APSA Executive Council, Africa Initiative Administrative Committee, member, 2007.
APSA Executive Council, Member (elected), Nov. 2005-2007

APSA Executive Council Administrative Committee, 2005-2006 (Katznelson appointment)
APSA Executive Council Administrative Committee, 2006-2007 (Axelrod appointment)

APSA African Politics Conference Group (APCG), Nominating Committee, 2014.
APSA African Politics Conference Group (APCG), Book Award Committee, 2011-12.
APSA African Politics Conference Group (APCG), Secretary (elected), 2004-2007.

Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), Board of Directors, Member, 2005-2006

MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association), Best Paper Award Committee, Kellogg/Notre Dame Best Paper in Comparative Politics (Chair)

ASA (African Studies Association), Board of Directors, ASA Publications Committee, Chair (2011-12)
ASA (African Studies Association), Board of Directors, Member (elected), 2009-12.
ASA Publications Committee (for *African Studies Review and J. of African History*), 2009-11
ASA (African Studies Association), Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, African Studies Association, 2007, 2008, 2009.
ASA, National Program Committee, Politics Section Chair, African Studies Association, 2003-2004.

SSRC African Peacebuilding Network, Advisory Board, 2013-2018
SSRC, International Dissertation Research Fellowships Selection Committee, 2008, 2009, 2010.
SSRC (Social Science Research Council), Regional Advisory Panel for Africa, 2002-2005
SSRC Faculty Convener, Int. Dissertation Research Fellows Workshop, San Francisco, 4-8 January 1999
SSRC: MacArthur Int. Peace and Security Postdoctoral Fellowships pre-selection committee, 2000
SSRC: 1998-1999; International Dissertation Research Fellowships pre-selection committee
SSRC: 1997-2000, Committee for the East European and African Visiting Scholar Program, 1992-95

President, West Africa Research Association (WARA), elected, 2005-6.
WARA, West Africa Research Association, Board of Directors (elected), 1990-1995, 2001-2005.
WARA, Treasurer (elected), 2003-2005

Selection Committee, NSF Graduate Fellowships, 1994-1997.
Selection Committee, World Bank McNamara Fellowships, 1992-1995.

Academic Advisory Board, Maria Sybilla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA), at the University of Legon, Accra, Ghana (funding from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, 2018-2030), Oct. 2018-Dec. 2025

Advisory Board, Conable Conference in International Studies, Rochester Inst. Technology 2011-2015
Advisory Board, Human Security, Democracy, and Global Dev. Research, U. North Texas, 2011-2013

Professional Service: British Academy (2021+) and Other

BA Reviewer: Small Research Grant
BA Reviewer: British Academy Fellowships
BA Global Talent Visa Panel (2025)

UK FCDO Land Facility Decision Support Unit (DSU Programme) -- consultant (2024-2026

Professional Service: Editorial Boards

Associate Editor, *World Developent,* 2017-2024
Editorial Committee, *Comparative Politics*, 2019+
Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics, CUP, 2017-
African Studies Series, Cambridge University Press, 2007-2021
Cambridge Elements Comparative Politics Developing Countries, 2017-
African Challenges, Lynne Reinner Press, 2004-2014

Editorial Committees/ Scientific Committees

American Political Science Review, 2012-2016, 2020-2023
APSR Advisory Board for Ethical Research 2020+
Africa Spectrum (GIGA, German Institute of International Relations), 2020-
Nations and Nationalism, 2017-
Journal of Modern African Studies, 2010-2014, 2016-
*Studies in Comparative International Development, 2022_*
Afrique Contemporaine, 2016-2021
Africa, J. of the International African Institute, Russell Square, London, 2014-2018
African Studies Review, 2012-2017; 2017-2023
Comparative Politics, Advisory Committee, 2011-2018, Editorial Committee, 2019+
African Affairs: Journal of the Royal African Society, 2015-
Comparative Political Studies, 2011-2016

Professional Associations (memberships): American Political Science Association, Political Studies Association (UK), African Studies Association, Association of Concerned Africa Scholars, British Academy, American Academy of Arts and Sciences

University Service, LSE, 2013+

LSE Promotions Committee, 2015-2017
APRC, 2022, 2023, 2024
APRC Representative, Review Group for Review of the PGR Student Lifecyle, 2023-2024
Member of Virtual Professoriate, LSE School of Public Policy, 2024+

Department of Int. Development, Deputy Head of Department for Research, 2021-22 and 2022-24
Diversity Committee, Department of Government, 2015-2017; Dept of ID, 2025+
Diversity Representative, Dept. of International Development, 2025+
Departmental Working Group (long term planning), GV, 2016-2020
DSSG (Dept. Strategy Steering Group), GV Dept, 2016-2018; 2025+
Research Committee, GV, 2015+2021; Research Committee, ID, 2020-2021.
GV Dept. Search Committee, Public Policy, MT 2015

Convenor, MSc in Africa Development, ID, MT 2014-2019, Specialism head, 2021-2023.
Research Committee, ID, ST 2014-15
Teaching Committee, ID, MT 2014-2018
ID Search Committee, Teaching Fellow for African Dev. (Chair), 2017 (Eyob Gebremariam hire)
ID Department Search Committee, 2013-4 (Sohini Kar hire)
ID Department Search Committee, 2014 (Laura Mann hire)
ID Department Working Paper Series Editorial Committee (Founder), 2014-2015

LSE Center for International Studies Advisory Board, LT 2014, 2015
FLIA Africa Centre, Advisory Board, 2017+

Comparative Politics CP/CPE seminar series, co-convenor, 2014 (12 events), 2015 (11 events) + , 2016 (10 events), 2017-2018 (14 events), 2019-2025 (6-8 events per year), 2025 (5 events).
LSE African Political Economy Group, APEG, co-convenor, 2014 (6 events), 2015 (7 events) +, 2016 (5 events), 2017-2018 (5 events)
Land Politics Working Group, Founder + Chair (2015-2023), 6-9 events per year, 2024 (4 events),2025 (5 events)

LSE Advancement Faculty Advisory Committee, 2014-2015
Geography Dept. Environment Hire Relate (LT 2016)

University Service, University of Texas, 2007-2013

University of Texas at Austin Faculty Grievance Committee Panel, May 2013.
University of Texas at Austin Faculty Council (elected), 2012-2014.
College of Liberal Arts Post-Tenure Review Committee, 2009-2010, 2010-2011
College of Liberal Arts Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2008
College of Liberal Arts Faculty Research Award (FRA/SRA) Selection Committee, 2009-10 and 2010-11.
Government Department Executive Committee (elected), 2007, 2008, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2012-13
Government Department Financial Aid Committee, 2007
Government Department Macdonald-Long Fellowship Committee 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013

PhD Dissertation Committees Chaired, LSE, 2014+

Nicolai Schulz, Dept. of International Development, Sept. 2015-Feb. 2020. (Now Research Fellow, Humboldt U., Berlin. Winner: 2nd Place in the UK-wide 2020 Doctoral Researcher Awards (DRA) in the Category "Management & Social Sciences" (from among 240 applicants); APCG-Ralph Bunche Award for best graduate student paper presented on African politics, 2020
Carolin Dieterle, Dept. of International Development, 2016-2022. (Then ESRC post-doc and Department of Government Fellow at LSE. Now University of Manchester GDI Research Postdoc (2023-2026).
McDonald Lewanika (w/ Omar McDoom), Dept. of Government, Sept. 2015-Feb. 2020. Now Regional Director for Southern Africa and Country Director for Zimbabwe, Accountability Lab, Harare, Zimbabwe.
Yuezhou Yang, Dept. of International Development, Sept. 2017-2023. Current Postdoctoral Research, LSE-Fudan Joint Program, LSE. Now Lecturer, University of Oxford.
Camilo Acero-Vargas, Dept. of International Development, Aug. 2021+
Flora McCrone, LSE, Dept. of International Development, Sept. 2023+
Second supervisor, LSE:
Jorich Loubser, Dept. of International Development;
Michael Mugisha, Dept. of International Development;
Stephanie Wanga, Dept. of Government (2021-2024).

LSE MRes Committees Chaired, 2015+

Michael MBate, Dept of International Development, Sept. 2015-2106
Nicolai Schulz, Dept. of International Development, Sept. 2015-2016
Carolin Dieterle, Dept. of International Development, 2016-1017
McDonald Lewanika (with Omar McDoom), Dept. of Government, Sept. 2015-16
Musa Kpaka, Dept. of International Development, Sept. 2017-2018
Issac Haruna (with Elliott Green), Dept. of International Development, Sept. 2017-2018

Yuezhou Yang, Dept. of International Development, Sept. 2017-2018
Camilo Acero-Vargas, Dept. of International Development, Sept. 2021+

PhD Dissertations and Masters Theses Chaired, University of Texas (1997-2014 only):

Christian Sorace, "Maoist Governance Ideologies and Disaster Relief in Sichuan Province, China," Ph.D dissertation, 2014. (Now Assistant Professor, Colorado College)

Leeann Youn, "Agricultural Protection in Japan and Korea: Similar Protection Policies, Different Patterns of Reform," MA Report, Fall 2011

Hyobin Lee, "Does Modernization Theory Explain Democratization in Ghana and S. Korea?" Master's Report, Spring 2011.

Laura Seay, "Who Rules the Eastern Congo?" Ph.D. dissertation, May 2009 [now Associate Professor of Political Science, Colby College].

Jonathan Bloch, "Authority and Value: Redefining Financial Property Rights in Contemporary Japan," Ph.D dissertation, December 2007.

Sunila Kale, "Power Steering: Electric Utilities Privatization in India" (co-chair with Sumit Ganguly), Ph.D. dissertation, May 2007 [now Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies, Chair and Director of S. Asian Studies].

Young Hark Byun, "Central Bank Credibility and Adjustment to the E. Asian Financial Crises," Ph. D. dissertation, Oct. 2006.

Ronen Sebag, "Immigration to Israel: Government Policy and Public Opinion," Master's Report, Dec. 2005.

Oksan Bayulgen, "Property Rights and State Capacity: Russia, Azerbaijan, Norway" (co-chaired with Rob Moser), Ph.D dissertation, 2003 [now Associate Professor of Political Science at University of Connecticut].

Shu Keng, "Making Markets Work: The Transformation of Local Networks in a Chinese Town, 1979-1999" (co-chaired with Gordon Bennett), Ph.D dissertation, 2001 [now Associate Professor, School of Public Economics and Administration and Executive Director, Center for Governance Studies, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics].

Jake Batsell, "Civil Society and Democratization in Zimbabwe, 1990-2000," Master's Thesis, 2001 [now Associate Professor of Journalism at SMU]

J. Bruce Kellison, "Siberian crude : the political economy of the Russian oil sector, 1970-1998," Ph. D. dissertation, 1998 [now Associate Director, Center for Business Research, IC2, University of Texas at Austin].

Hyeok Yong Kwan, "Left-Labor Power, Capital-Labor Performance, and Macroeconomic Behavior in 14 Advanced Democracies 1980-1995," Master's Thesis, 1998

Leslie Anne Galloway, "The promised land: state power and land redistribution discourse in Zimbabwe," Masters Thesis, 1997

Jonathan Bloch, “Haute Finance and Japan Studies: The ‘Bank Dealing’ Debate: 1973-1984,” Master’s Thesis, 1997

PhD Dissertation Committee Member, Univ of Texas at Austin, 1990-2014:

in Government, History, Sociology, 1990-2014: over 30 dissertations

Undergraduate Theses, University of Texas (supervisor, 2005-2013)

Nicolas Lovitt, "Large Scale Land Acquisitions in Africa: What is the Pattern?" University of Texas Department of Government Honors Thesis, 2012-13. Winner of Plan II Model Thesis Award, 2013. **Ben Weiss**, "Antiretroviral Procurement and Production in Africa: A Comparative Analysis," Liberal Arts Honors Thesis, 2012-13, Winner,CoLA Rapoport King Scholarship in support of undergraduate research. **Ben Weiss**, "Multilateral Lenders versus Chinese Investors in Zambia: What Benefits for the Nation?" Bridging the Disciplines Research Project, Fall 2011. Winner, CoLA Undergraduate Research Grant to travel to Zambia. Featured on College of Liberal Arts Homepage, 15-20 March 2012. **Chinyere Kimberly Ikegbunam**, "Is Democracy possible in Nigeria"? Gov. Honors Thesis, 2011-12. **Alexandra Ecenia**, "Conflict Minerals in the DRC," Humanities Honors thesis, 2010. **Michael Allen**, "Land Grabs in Zimbabwe," Plan II Senior Honors Thesis, 2010-11, Winner of Plan II Research Funding Award for travel to Zimbabwe. **Katherine Long**, "Resources and Political Development in Central Africa," Government Honors, 2011. Winner of the William Jennings Bryan Prize for the Best Honors Thesis in Political Science in 2011. **Kopia Kapuah**, "Greed vs. Grievance in the Liberian Civil War," Government Senior Thesis 2010-11. **Michelle Miro**, "Water Supply in Rural Tamil Nadu, India: A Provider-Based Approach," winner of a Liberal Arts Honors and Office of Undergraduate Research Conference Scholarship and presented at the 2010 World Ground Water Summit in Denver, CO., Spring 2010. **Robbie Earl**, "African Voices and Policy Effort: Why Public Opinion Matters in the Fight Against AIDS,” (with Kenneth Greene), Winner, UT Coop Award for Undergraduate Research, Spring 2009. **Patrick Tighe**, "All Genocides Are Not the Same: Comparing Rwanda and Darfur," Gov. Honors Thesis, Spring 2009. **Punan Kaji**, "How do Foreign Interventions Succeed for Fail? Ending Bloody Civil Conflict in Africa," Gov. Honors Thesis, Spring 2009. **Dhawal Doshi**, "Responses to Chinese Investment in Africa," Bridging the Disciplines Program Connecting Project (Senior project), research funded by BDP, 2007 and 2008. **Amanda Pinkston**, "Land-Related Conflict in Ghana and Kenya: Features and Determinants," funded by Rapoport-King Thesis Scholarship, Spring 2008. **Zachary Newmann**, "Unexpected Responses to Foreign Aid Among NGOs in Kenya," Plan II Honors Thesis, May 2007. **Vinh Doquang**, Land Reform and the Politics of Development in Sub-Saharan Africa, Plan II Honors Thesis, May 2005. P**atrick Paullus**, Land Tenure Politics in China" (with Gordon Bennett), Plan II Honors Thesis, May 5, 2005

PhD Dissertations, Examiner (since Fall 2013)

Sean Fox, "The political economy of urbanization and development in Sub-Saharan Africa," Department of International Development, LSE (internal), October 20, 2013.

Johan Brosché, "Masters of War: The Role of Elites in Sudan's Communal Conflicts," PhD dissertation, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Uppsala, Sweden, 7 February 2014.

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