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RESEARCH INTEREST

Foreign aid, international trade, and foreign direct investment; focusing on the consequences and determinants of these financial flows from China to Africa.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph.D.	Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, China September 2019 – present World Economy <i>Dissertation Topic: Sub-National Evidence of the Impact of Chinese Aid Projects on lived poverty in Ghana</i>
Certificate	Tsinghua University, China, June 2021 - July 2021 Innovation for Sustainable Development
M.A.	Xiamen University, China, September 2017 – June 2019 Management Economics
B.Ed.	University of Cape Coast, Ghana, August 2012 – May 2016 Economics and Geography <i>Graduated with First Class Honors</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Teaching Assistant, Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics (WISE), Xiamen University, China, February 2019 – July 2019.

Responsible for assisting to teach Experimental Economics to Master's students and coordinating laboratory experiments.

Economics Teacher (National Service Person), Holy Family Senior High School, Ghana, November, 2016 – August 2017.

Responsible for teaching Economics to high school grade 1 and 2 students; in charge of all secretarial and IT related works.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Technical Innovation Award, Tsinghua Global Summer School, July 2021
- Overseas Students' Scholarship, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, September 2019
- Excellent Graduate Award, Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics (WISE), Xiamen University, June 2019
- Golden Ball Trophy, Xiamen University Inter-Campus Competition, April 2019.
- Golden Boot Trophy, Xiamen University Mini World Cup, October 2017.
- Chinese Government Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies, September 2017
- Excellent Student Award, Department of Arts and Social Sciences Education, University of Cape Coast, March 2014 and 2015

RESEARCH WORKS

Peer-reviewed Publications

- "Does Chinese Foreign Direct Investment Improve the Welfare of Africans?" (with Qian Dai). *Journal of African Business* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1080/15228916.2021.1969192>
- "Corruption and Firm Growth: Evidence from Nigeria" (with James Chikelu), *SN Business and Economics* 1, 66 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43546-021-00071-8>
- "How Constraining are Electricity Fluctuations to Ghanaian Firms' performance?" (with Edwin T. Sosi), *SN Business and Economics* 1, 155 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43546-021-00157-3>

Working Papers

- "Chinese Aid and Political Trust". Under revision, *Journal of International Development*.
- "Fostering Hopes? Impact of Chinese Aid on Economics Expectations in Ghana". Unsubmitted manuscript
- "Aid and Governance: Impact of Chinese Aid on the Evaluation of Government Performance in Ghana." Unsubmitted manuscript.
- "Aid and Poverty: The Impact of Chinese Aid on Lived Poverty in Ghana." Doctoral Dissertation.
- "Why are Ghanaian Students Patronizing Chinese Universities" (with Stephen Duah Agyeman and Michael Appiah-Kubi). Under review, *Tertiary Education and Management*.
- "Chinese Foreign Direct Investment and Business Startups in Africa". Under review, *African Journal of Science, Technology, Innovation and Development*.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Africa Research Center Multidisciplinary Conference, Xiamen University, January 2022
- 2nd International Doctoral Research in Education Conference, Centre for Educational Research (CERES) at Liverpool John Moores University, (Virtual Conference), July 2021
- Afrobarometer thematic seminar on conflict, violence and democratic governance, virtual workshop, June-August 2021
- China's Overseas Lending in Comparative Perspective, China Africa Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (Virtual Conference), April 2021
- Asian Meeting of Econometric Society, Xiamen University, June 2019
- The 10th Biennial Conference of Hong Kong Economic Association, Xiamen University, December 2018

SKILLS AND OTHER CAPABILITIES

- Proficient in Stata, LaTeX
- Basic knowledge in R, ArcGIS (making steady progress)
- Competent graphic designer - Proficient in Adobe Photoshop
- Experience within tertiary environment.
- Able to motivate and lead others in a project team environment.
- A proactive approach and the ability to work autonomously and as part of a team.
- Analytical and methodical when approaching problems.
- Organizational and leadership skills with ability to handle pressure
- Experience in events planning and coordinating

REFERENCES

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