

# Lateef Akanni

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## Research Experience

**Summer 2022**

**Research Intern | The Scottish Government, Scotland**

- Contribute to research on the approaches to measuring the benefits of the National Care Service (NCS) Programme

**Autumn 2020**

**Independent Researcher | Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre, Abuja, Nigeria**

- Develop a report on the economic and social effects of COVID-19 public emergencies on vulnerable groups in Nigeria, especially women and disabled persons

**2019 – 2020**

**Research Associate | Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa, Nigeria**

- Member of the Macroeconomic Management Research Group
- Conduct high-quality economic research and documents research reports
- Result and report dissemination to stakeholders and the general public

**2017 – 2019**

**Research Assistant | Centre for Econometric and Allied Research, Nigeria**

- Identify and write technical proposals on research projects
- Facilitate workshops, seminars and training on econometrics and statistical methodology.

## Research Interests

Labour Economics, Health Economics, Financial Economics, and Applied Econometrics

## Teaching Experience

**2021 – on**

**Graduate Teaching Assistant | University of Strathclyde Business School**

*Analysis of Economics Data [with R-software lab] (Masters)*

*Topics in Microeconomics with Cross Section Econometrics [with R-software lab] (BSc)*

*Topics in Macroeconomics with Time Series Econometrics [with R-software lab] (BSc)*

**2015 – 2017**

**Adjunct Lecturer | Distance Learning Institute, University of Lagos, Nigeria**

*Intermediate Microeconomics (BSc)*

*Mathematical Economics (BSc)*

## Education

**2020 – on**

**PhD, Economics, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow**

*Expected completion: September 2023*

*Dissertation: The Effects of the National Living Wage on Health Outcomes*

*Supervisors: Dr Otto Lenhart and Prof Alec Morton*

**2012 – 2014**

**M.Sc., Economics, University of Lagos, Nigeria (Distinction)**

**2007 – 2010**

**B.Sc., Economics, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Nigeria (Second Class: Upper)**

## Publications

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

"Income Trajectories and Self-Rated Health Status in the UK" (with Otto Lenhart and Alec Morton). *SSM – Population Health*. Vol 17. March 2022

"Volatility spillovers and hedging effectiveness between health and tourism stocks: Empirical evidence from the US" (with Afees A Salisu and Xuan V Vo). *International Review of Economics & Finance* Vol 74. 2021

"Asymmetric and Time-Varying Behavior of Exchange Rate and Interest Rate Differential in Emerging Markets" (with Afees A Salisu and Ibrahim Adeleke) *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade* Vol. 57 No. 14. 2021

"Returns and Volatility Spillover between Food Prices and Exchange Rate in Nigeria" *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies* Vol. 10 No. 3. 2020

"Climatic Variations and Spatial Price Differentials of Perishable Foods in Nigeria" *Econometric Research in Finance Journal* Volume 5. 2020

"Constructing a Global Fear Index for the COVID-19 Pandemic" (with Afees A Salisu). *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*. Vol 56 Issue 10. 2020

"Is Nigeria Experiencing a Learning Crisis: Evidence from Curriculum-Matched Learning Assessment" (with Adedeji Adeniran, and Joseph Ishaku). *International Journal of Educational Development*. Vol 77. 2020

"The COVID-19 Global Fear Index and the Predictability of Commodity Price Returns" (with Afees A Salisu and Ibrahim Raheem). *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance*. Vol 27. 2020

"Improving the predictability of stock returns with Bitcoin prices" (with Afees A Salisu and Kazeem Isah) *The North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, Vol 48. 2019

"Modelling Oil Price-Inflation Nexus: The Role of Asymmetries" (with Afees A Salisu, Kazeem Isah, and O. O. Oyewole). *Energy* 125. 2017

"Intellectual Capital and Firm Performance: A Review of Empirical Literature Based On VAIC™ Model" (with Wakeel A Isola and Lateef A Odekunle). *Unilag Journal of Humanities*, 5(1), 49-65. 2017

"Unit Root Modeling for Trending Stock Market Series" (with Afees Salisu, Umar B Ndako, U. B., and Tirimisiyu F Oloko) *Borsa Istanbul Review*. 2016

"Capital Structure, Competition and Firm Performance: Evidence from Nonfinancial Companies in Nigeria" (with Wakeel A Isola) *Journal of Contemporary Issues and Thought* Vol. 5. 2015

"Corporate Financial Structure of Nonfinancial Quoted Companies in Nigeria" (with Wakeel A Isola) *Managing Global Transitions International Research Journal* 13(3): 267-280. 2015

"Oil-Price and Macroeconomic Dynamics of Oil-Exporting Countries in Africa A Panel-VAR Investigation" (Joseph A Omojolaibi and Olufemi Y Alimi). *University of Mauritius Research Journal* Vol 21. 2015

"Foreign Aid, Public Expenditure and Economic Growth: The Nigerian Case" (with Ibrahim A Odusanya and A I Logile) *The Journal of Applied Business Research* 27(3). 2011

### **Book Chapter**

"Non-inclusive Growth and Industrialisation Nexus in Nigeria: New Perspective and Policy Implications" (with Olufemi M. Saibu) in Nwokoma, N. I. and Isola, W. A. (Eds): *Nigeria's Industrial Development, Corporate Governance and Public Policy*. University of Lagos Press. 2016

### **Working Papers**

"Conflicting economic policies and mental health: evidence from the UK national living wage and benefits freeze" (with Otto Lenhart and Alec Morton) *Strathclyde Discussion Papers in Economics* 22 – 10. Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. 2022

"Modelling the residential electricity demand in the US" (with Afees A. Salisu and O. J. Oyewole). *CEAR Working Papers Series No. 042*. Centre for Econometric and Allied Research, University of Ibadan. 2018

"Shale oil revolution: Implications for oil-dependent countries" (with Afees A. Salisu). *CEAR Working Papers Series No. 043*. Centre for Econometric and Allied Research, University of Ibadan. 2018

“Forecasting CO2 emissions: Does the choice of estimator matter?” *CEAR Working Papers Series No. 045*. Centre for Econometric and Allied Research, University of Ibadan. 2018

“Exchange rate movement in sectoral stock prices of Nigerian firms: Is there evidence of asymmetry?” *CEAR Working Papers Series No. 046*. Centre for Econometric and Allied Research, University of Ibadan. 2018

### Conferences

- 2022 Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics Annual PhD Conference  
*Paper presented:* The Impact of the UK’s National Living Wage Policy on Mental Health
- 2021 Annual UK Data Service Health Studies User Conference  
*Paper presented:* Income trajectories and health outcomes in the UK: exploring the impact of stability and volatility.
- Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics Annual PhD Conference  
*Paper presented:* Income Trajectories and Health Outcomes: Evidence from the UK
- 2015 8<sup>th</sup> Nigerian Association of Energy Economists International Conference, Nigeria  
*Paper presented:* Energy Consumption, Pollution and Economic Growth in Selected African Countries: Evidence from Heterogeneous Panel Techniques.

### Blogs

“The implication of Covid’19 on the Nigerian Economy.” (with Samuel C Gabriel) *CSEA Blog Series*  
Available at <http://cseaafrica.org/the-implication-of-covid19-on-the-nigerian-economy/>

“Chinese Think Tanks with Chinese Characteristics: Some Lessons for African Think Tanks.” (2019) *On Think Tanks*. Available at <https://onthinktanks.org/articles/chinese-think-tanks-with-chinese-characteristics-some-lessons-for-african-think-tanks/>.

“The 2020 National Budget: Right Cycle is great, but implementation is better.” *CSEA Blog Series*. Available <http://cseaafrica.org/the-2020-national-budget-right-cycle-is-great-but-implementation-is-better/>

### Grants and Awards

- 2020 – 2023 PhD Scholarship, *Research Excellence Award*, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK
- 2015 Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) Research Grant at the University of Lagos.
- 2014 The Tony O. Elumelu *Legacy Prize for Excellence* for Best Graduating MSc in Economics, University of Lagos.
- 2010 The Council Scholarship/Bursary *Award of Merit* to Brilliant Student, Olabisi Onabanjo University
- 2010 Professor Afolabi Soyode *Price for the Best Graduating Student*, Olabisi Onabanjo University

### Professional Membership

Associate Fellow (AFHEA) | Advance Higher Education Academy

### Workshops and Professional Development

- 2022 The Economics Network Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop
- 2022 Machine learning for Economists organised by the Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics.
- 2022 Manage Successful Impact Evaluation Surveys (MSIES) virtual course organised by The World Bank Group’s Development Impact Evaluation Department (DIME).
- 2021 The World Bank Group’s Development Research in Practice course organised by The World Bank Group’s Development Impact Evaluation Department (DIME).
- 2019 Seminar on Think-Tanks and National Conditions Study for African Countries. University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China.

- 2018 Applied Time Series and Panel Data Econometrics Analysis Workshop, CEAR, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- 2015 Module Writing and Learning Management Systems (LMS) Training, organised by the University of Lagos Distance Learning Institute, Nigeria

**Software and Programming Skills****Analytical**

- R language
- Stata
- Python
- Eviews

**General purpose**

- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Word
- Latex

**Refereeing**

*Asian Economic Letters, Econometrics Research in Finance, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, International Journal of Energy Research, Journal of Economics Studies, Journal of Forecasting, North American Journal of Economics and Finance, Resources Policy*

**Reference available on request**