

## Statement of Research Philosophy

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My research program focuses on international relations, comparative, political methodology, migration and microfinance primarily in African countries. I use methods and theories from economics, mathematics and political science to understand research problems. I continuously strive to:

- Develop and apply econometric methods, microeconomic theory and mathematical tools in solving research problems.
- Identify opportunities to integrate theoretical and methodological issues in political science and closely related fields like economics and agricultural economics.
- Promote collaboration through a within and multidisciplinary modus operandi.
- Share findings widely, including presentation at conferences and in lectures to students to expose them to state-of-the-art advances in understanding trends in political science.
- Publish in peer-reviewed journals.
- Contribute to popular writing (newspapers, blogs) and policymaking.

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