

EDUCATION

Nova School of Business and Economics	Lisbon, PT
PhD, Economics	2024-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Fields: Political Economy, Development Economics</i>• <i>Advisor: Prof. Alex Armand</i>	
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	Munich, DE
MSc, Economics	Grade: 1.14, <i>Sehr Gut</i> (Top ranked student)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Visiting student: Higher School of Economics - Moscow (2021-22)</i>	
University of Warwick	Coventry, GB
BSc, Economics	Grade: 70, <i>First Class Honours</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Visiting student: University of Amsterdam (2015-16)</i>	

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Nova School of Business and Economics	Lisbon, PT
Teaching Assistant for MSc International Development & Public Policy	2025-
University of Massachusetts (UMass) Amherst	Remote
Research Assistant to Lucy Xiaolu Wang, PhD	2021-22
Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition	Munich, DE
Research Assistant to Lucy Xiaolu Wang, PhD	2020-21

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

OTHERwise Research	Juba, SS
Technical Advisor – ERICC	2024-
Forcier Consulting	Juba, SS
Research Manager	2023-24
Research Officer	2022-23
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Nairobi, KE
Communications Consultant	2020
Communications Advisor (UNV)	2019-20
OC&C Strategy Consultants	London, GB
Associate Consultant	2018-19

SELECTED CONSULTANCIES

- IRC: Education Research in Conflict and Protracted Crises (ERICC) South Sudan (2023-25)** [[Info](#)]
- Coordinating South Sudan component of a worldwide education in emergencies research initiative.
- Landell Mills: Evaluation of EU Cooperation in South Sudan, 2011-13 (2024)** [[Info](#)]
- Technical advice and data collection for an evaluation of development programming in South Sudan.

World Bank Group: 2024 Country Opinion Survey – South Sudan (2024) [Info]

- Telephonic survey of WBG stakeholders in South Sudan to assess engagement, attitudes, outlook.

Norwegian Church Aid: Scoping Study on Agriculture Value Chains in South Sudan (2024)

- Analysis of challenges and opportunities for agriculture value chain addition in 5 states of South Sudan.

IRC-EQUAL: Maternal and Child Health Baseline Study in Aweil East (2023-4) [Info]

- Designed experimental sample and conducted baseline study for a maternal health intervention.

Against Malaria Foundation: TPM of South Sudan 2022/23 LLIN Distribution (2022-23) [Info]

- Coordinated third-party monitoring in 7 states (5.4m LLINs) for a distribution campaign in South Sudan.

UNHCR: Forced Displacement Survey (FDS) – South Sudan 2023 (2022-23) [Info]

- Quality assured a survey initiative assessing living conditions of displaced persons in South Sudan.

JICA: Baseline Survey on Media in South Sudan (2022)

- Market study of the media landscape in South Sudan with a focus on national broadcaster SSBC.

USAID-Momentum: DRC Fragility, Crisis Sensitivity and Complexity (F2C) Assessment (2022)

- Mixed methods study of the impact of conflict on the fragility of health systems in Eastern DRC.

UNDP: Support to Devolved Governance in Kenya - Transformational Stories (2020) [Info]

- Contributed analyses and edited a narrative review of UNDP's support to Kenya's devolution process.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

U.S. State Approaches to Cannabis Licensing (with Lucy Xiaolu Wang) [2022] *International Journal of Drug Policy (IJDP)*, 106, 103755 [IJDP]; *MPI Research Paper* [SSRN]

- Analysis of variation in state-level licensing and taxation policies for the US legal cannabis market.

CONSULTANCY REPORTS

Education Data Systems in South Sudan: Exploring Challenges in Collection and Connection (with O. Jonathan, E. Ekembe, & A. Borkowski) [2025] *ERICC Working Paper* [Report]

- Analysis of functionality and management of education data systems in South Sudan.

Political Economy of Education System (In)coherence in South Sudan (with O. Homonchuk, A. Fortacz, & T. Kelsall) [2024] *ERICC Working Paper/ODI Global* [Report]

- Education sector political economy analysis for South Sudan, conducted with ODI Global.

ERICC Research Agenda for South Sudan (with I. Wagner Tsoni, O. Akogun, E. Twalihi, M. Schots, & K. K. Dut) [2024] *ERICC Working Paper* [Report] [Brief]

- Synthesis and description of education in emergencies research priorities and plans for South Sudan.

Conflict's Long Shadow: Evidence on Education in Emergencies in South Sudan (with I. Wagner Tsoni, M. Schots, & C. Taban) [2024] *ERICC Working Paper* [Report]

- Scoping review identifying evidence gaps in the education in emergencies literature on South Sudan.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Conflict, Fear, and Mistrust in Kenya's 'White Highlands'

- MSc thesis: quantitative study of exposure to clientelist land reforms and social cohesion in Kenya.

As Above, So Below: Exploring Barriers to Education amidst South Sudan's Polycrisis (with K. K. Dut, I. Hammoudi, E. Twalihi, T. Hussein, & O. Akogun)

- Analysis of barriers to education in South Sudan as perceived by local education stakeholders.

Uncharted Waters: Climate Crisis, Floods, and Education System Resilience in South Sudan (with S. Datzberger, A. Pacifico, L. Moses, I. Wagner Tsoni, K. K. Dut, E. Twalihi, T. Hussein, & O. Akogun)

- Case study of education system resilience in South Sudan in the face of escalating floods.

Reflections on Participatory Research Approaches with Pastoralists and Policymakers in South Sudan (with M. F. Bani Ata, I. Hammoudi, E. Twalihi, T. Hussein, & O. Akogun)

- Field note distilling lessons learned from engaging pastoralists and policymakers in South Sudan.

Expanding Access to Education in Crisis Contexts: Evidence from South Sudan's Pastoralist Education Program (with M. F. Bani Ata, I. Wagner Tsoni, K. K. Dut, & O. Akogun)

- Qualitative study analyzing alternative education provision for pastoralist communities in South Sudan.

AWARDS, FUNDING, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Institute for Humane Studies: Expense support grant (\$1,000)	2025
Nova SBE: Nova SBE Research Fellowship (2024-28)	2024
LMU Volkswirte Alumni-Club: Alumni Prize for Young Economists	2023
DAAD: Scholarship for Master Studies (2020-22)	2020

MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

NOVAFRICA Knowledge Center: Affiliated PhD Candidate	2024-
Malengo: Mentor, Uganda-Germany Program & Uganda-Germany Refugee Program	2024-

PRESENTATIONS

2025: Max Planck Summer School on the Political Economy of Conflict and Redistribution; UKFIET-The Education and Development Forum; UMass Amherst Department of Resource Economics

2024: Comparative and International Education Society; University of Edinburgh Centre for African Studies; African Studies Association of the UK; British Association for International and Comparative Education

SKILLS

Computing: Stata (advanced); QGIS (advanced); Python (intermediate); R (intermediate)

Data analysis: Data cleaning; regression analysis; GIS mapping/analysis; NLP (NLTKm& Quanteda)

Languages: English (native); French (intermediate); German (intermediate); Turkish (intermediate)

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