

## PROFILE

Economist and research consultant: focus on fragility and social cohesion in Africa. Conducted studies in Kenya and South Sudan for UNDP, UNHCR, World Bank, EU, IRC, IFRC, AMF, and others.

## EDUCATION

### **Nova School of Business and Economics**

Lisbon, PT

PhD, Economics

2024-Present

- *Fields: Political Economy, Development Economics*
- *Advisor: Prof. Alex Armand*
- *Position: Nova SBE Research Fellow*

### **Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München**

Munich, DE

MSc, Economics

Grade: 1.14, *Sehr Gut* (Top ranked student)

2020-23

- *Advisor: Prof. Mathias Bühler*
- *Visiting student: Higher School of Economics - Moscow*

### **University of Warwick**

Coventry, GB

BSc, Economics

Grade: 70, *First Class Honours*

2013-17

- *Visiting student: University of Amsterdam*

## EXPERIENCE

### **OTHERwise Research**

Remote

Technical Advisor

2024-Present

- Advise an Africa-focused research start-up on strategy, sampling, analysis, logistics, engagement.

### **Forcier Consulting**

Juba, SS

Research Manager

2022-24

- Managed an office of 20 full-time staff conducting quant and qual research across South Sudan.
- Fielded surveys, focus groups, and interviews, and analyzed development programs and policies.
- Advised clients, trained researchers, designed sampling, managed budgets, planned logistics.

### **University of Massachusetts (UMass) Amherst**

Remote

Research Assistant

2021-22

- Research Assistant (RA) for Prof. Lucy Xiaolu Wang, conducting research in health economics.
- Activities included literature reviews, data cleaning and analysis, managed several junior RAs.

### **Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition**

Munich, DE

Research Assistant

2020-21

- RA for Prof. Lucy Xiaolu Wang, conducting research in health and innovation economics.
- Activities included literature reviews, data cleaning and analysis, management of a junior RA.

### **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Nairobi, KE

Communications Consultant

2019-20

- Communications and Partnerships focal point for Governance & Inclusive Growth projects in Kenya.

**OC&C Strategy Consultants**  
*Associate Consultant*

London, GB  
2018-19

**Magic Panda International 能猫国际集团**  
*International E-Commerce Intern*

Shanghai, CN  
Winter 2017

**Rothschild & Co**  
*Investment Banking Summer Intern*

London, GB  
Summer 2016

## **SELECTED CONSULTANCIES**

### **Evaluation of EU Cooperation in South Sudan, 2011-23 (2024)**

Contracted by Landell Mills to provide technical advice and conduct fieldwork for a major evaluation of European Union humanitarian and development assistance to South Sudan since independence.

### **World Bank Group 2024 Country Opinion Survey – South Sudan (2024)**

Contracted by the World Bank (WBG) to administer a quantitative survey to a cross-section of the Bank's different stakeholders across South Sudan to assess engagement, attitudes, and outlook.

### **Scoping Study on Agriculture and Food Security Value Chains in South Sudan (2024)**

Contracted by Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) to undertake a qualitative analysis of the landscape, challenges, and opportunities for agriculture value chain addition in 5 states of South Sudan.

### **Maternal and Child Health Baseline Study in Aweil East (2023-4)**

Contracted by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to design an experimental methodology and conduct a survey for a maternal health and newborn care programme in Aweil East, South Sudan.

### **Education Research in Conflict and Protracted Crises (ERICC) in South Sudan (2023-24)**

Contracted by IRC to synthesize and explore education in emergencies research priorities for South Sudan through a literature review, mixed methods fieldwork, and workshops with key stakeholders.

### **Third-Party Monitoring of South Sudan 2022/23 LLIN Distribution Campaign (2022-23)**

Contracted by the Against Malaria Foundation (AMF) to monitor planning, distribution, and verification activities for a national campaign to distribute 5.4m mosquito nets in 7 states of South Sudan.

### **Implementation of the UNHCR Forced Displaced Survey (FDS) in South Sudan (2022-23)**

Contracted by UNHCR to implement a major global survey initiative in South Sudan assessing living conditions of IDPs, refugees, asylum seekers and returnees in camps and host communities.

### **UNDP Support to Devolved Governance in Kenya: Transformational Stories (2020)**

Contracted by UNDP to contribute analyses and edit a narrative review of their support to implementation of the devolution process across Kenya, which included conducting fieldwork in 6 counties.

## **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 different state-level licensing and taxation policies for the US legal cannabis market.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

**ERICC: Towards An Evidence-driven EiE Research Agenda for South Sudan** (with Ioanna Wagner Tsoni, Oladele Akogun, Elifrida Twalihi, Maartje Schots, and Kur Kur Dut) [2024] *ERICC* [figshare]  
Synthesis and description of education in emergencies research priorities for South Sudan.

**Conflict, Fear, and Mistrust in Kenya's 'White Highlands'** [2023] [SSRN]

MSc thesis: study of long-run effects of exposure to clientelist land reforms on social discord in Kenya.  
*Presented at: University of Edinburgh CAS/CeSeR (2024), ASAUk-Oxford Brookes.*

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**Revisiting Education for Pastoralist Communities in South Sudan** (with Ioanna Wagner Tsoni, Oladele Akogun, Mohammad Faisal, and Kur Kur Dut)  
Qualitative study analyzing education for diverse pastoralist communities across South Sudan.

**Political Economy of the South Sudan Education System** (with Olha Homonchuk, Alexandra Fortacz, and Tim Kelsall)

Education sector PEA for South Sudan conducted with the Overseas Development Institute (ODI).

**Conflict's Long Shadow: Evidence on Education in Emergencies in South Sudan** (with Ioanna Wagner Tsoni, Maartje Schots, and Ceaser Taban)

Systematic literature review identifying education in emergencies evidence gaps in South Sudan.

## **AWARDS, FUNDING, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

<b>Nova SBE:</b> Nova SBE Research Fellowship	2024-28
<b>IRC:</b> Travel funding for CIES and BAICE conferences	2024
<b>LMU VAC:</b> Alumni Prize for Young Economists	2023
<b>DAAD:</b> Scholarship for Master Studies	2020-22
<b>Erasmus+:</b> Erasmus Study Abroad Grant	2015-16

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE**

<b>Member:</b> British Association for International and Comparative Education (BAICE)	2024-Present
<b>Mentor:</b> Malengo, Uganda-Germany Programme	2024-Present

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**2024:** CIES, University of Edinburgh CAS/CeSeR, ERICC/FCDO Consortium Meeting, ASAUk-Oxford Brookes, BAICE-University of Sussex

## **SKILLS**

**Quant analysis:** Stata (advanced), QGIS (advanced), Python (intermediate), R (intermediate)

**Qual analysis:** Natural Language Processing (NLP) in Python (NLTK) and R (Quanteda), NVivo

**Field research:** sample design, tool design, survey programming, enumerator training, budgeting

**Languages:** English (native), French (intermediate), German (intermediate), Turkish (intermediate)

## **PERSONAL**

**Citizenship:** dual citizen of Ireland and the UK.

**References available on request**