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## PROFILE

Economist and research consultant: development, fragility, political economy, and state-building in East Africa.

## EDUCATION

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

PhD, Economics

Lisbon, PT

2024-Present

- *Fields: Political Economy, Development Economics*
- *Advisor: Prof. Alex Armand*

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

MSc, Economics

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

Munich, DE

2020-23

- *Visiting student: Higher School of Economics - Moscow (2021-22)*

### **University of Warwick**

BSc, Economics

Grade: 70, *First Class Honours*

Coventry, GB

2013-17

- *Visiting student: University of Amsterdam (2015-16)*

## EXPERIENCE

### **OTHERwise Research**

Technical Advisor

Juba, SS

2024-Present

### **Forcier Consulting**

Research Manager – South Sudan

Juba, SS

2022-24

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

Research Assistant – Prof. Lucy Xiaolu Wang

Remote

2021-22

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

Research Assistant – Lucy Xiaolu Wang, PhD

Munich, DE

2020-21

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

Communications Consultant – Governance Unit

Nairobi, KE

2019-20

### **OC&C Strategy Consultants**

Associate Consultant

London, GB

2018-19

### **Magic Panda International 熊猫国际集团**

International E-Commerce Intern

Shanghai, CN

Winter 2017

### **Rothschild & Co**

Investment Banking Summer Intern

London, GB

Summer 2016

## SELECTED CONSULTANCIES

### **IRC: Education Research in Conflict and Protracted Crises (ERICC) South Sudan (2023-25) [Info]**

- Coordinating South Sudan component of a large UK-funded education in emergencies research initiative.

### **Landell Mills: Evaluation of EU Cooperation in South Sudan, 2011-13 (2024) [Info]**

- Technical advice and data collection for major evaluation of European Union development assistance.

#### **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 methodology and conducted baseline study for a maternal health intervention.

#### **DCA: Analysis of Recycling Value Chains and Waste Management in Juba County (2023)**

- Market study of plastic recycling and waste management value chains in Juba, South Sudan.

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

- Coordinated third-party monitoring in 7 states (5.4m nets) for a national mosquito net distribution campaign.

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

- Quality assured a major quantitative survey initiative assessing living conditions of displaced persons.

#### **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.

#### **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.

### **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.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

**Education Data Systems in South Sudan: Exploring Challenges in Collection and Connection** (with Orelia Jonathan, Eric Ekembe, and Artur Borkowski) [2025] *ERICC Working Paper* [Full Paper]

- Analysis of completeness, fragmentation, and management of education data systems in South Sudan.

**Political Economy of Education System (In)coherence in South Sudan** (with Olha Homonchuk, Alexandra Fortacz, and Tim Kelsall) [2024] *ERICC Working Paper/ODI Global* [Full Paper]

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

**ERICC Research Agenda for South Sudan** (with Ioanna Wagner Tsoni, Oladele Akogun, Elifrida Twalihi, Maartje Schots, and Kur Kur Dut) [2024] *ERICC Working Paper* [Full Paper] [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 Ioanna Wagner Tsoni, Maartje Schots, and Ceaser Taban) [2024] *ERICC Working Paper* [Full Paper]

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

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

- Quantitative study of long-run effects of exposure to clientelist land reforms on social discord in Kenya.

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**As Above, So Below: Understanding Barriers to Education amidst South Sudan's Polycrisis** (with Kur Kur Dut)

- Critical examination 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 Lokiri Moses, Ioanna Wagner Tsoni, Kur Kur Dut, Elifrida Twalihi, Thomas Hussein, and Oladele Akogun)

- Case study of education system resilience in South Sudan focusing on mitigation and response to floods.

**Reflections on Participatory Research Approaches with Pastoralists and Policymakers in South Sudan** (with Lokiri Moses, Ismael Hammoudi, Elifrida Twalihi, and Oladele 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 Mohammad Faisal, Ioanna Wagner Tsoni, Kur Kur Dut, and Oladele Akogun)

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

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

<b>Institute for Humane Studies:</b> Funding for conference presentations	2025
<b>IRC:</b> Funding for conference presentations	2024-25
<b>Nova SBE:</b> Nova SBE Research Fellowship	2024-28
<b>LMU Volkswirte Alumni-Club:</b> Alumni Prize for Young Economists	2023
<b>DAAD:</b> Scholarship for Master Studies	2020-22
<b>European Commission:</b> Erasmus+ study abroad grant	2015-16

### **MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE**

<b>Affiliate:</b> NOVAFRICA knowledge center	2024-Present
<b>Member:</b> British Association for International and Comparative Education (BAICE)	2024-Present
<b>Mentor:</b> Malengo, Uganda-Germany Program & Uganda-Germany Refugee Program	2024-Present

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**2025:** Max Planck Summer School on the Political Economy of Conflict and Redistribution; The Education and Development Forum (UKFIET)

**2024:** Comparative and International Education Society (CIES); University of Edinburgh Centre for African Studies (CAS); African Studies Association of the United Kingdom (ASAUK); BAICE-University of Sussex

### **SKILLS**

**Computing:** Stata (advanced), QGIS (advanced), Python (intermediate), R (intermediate), Matlab (beginner)

**Data analysis:** Data cleaning, regression analysis, GIS mapping/analysis, NLP (NLTK/Quanteda)

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

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

### **REFERENCES**

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