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## EDUCATION

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- 2006** **Ph.D. Political Science, University of Toronto, Canada**  
*Areas of Concentration: International Relations and Comparative Politics*
- 2001** **M.A. (Distinction) Political Science, Brock University, Canada**  
*Areas of Concentration: International Relations and Political Theory*
- 2000** **Advanced Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education, Brock University, Canada**
- 1999** **B.A. (First Class Hons.) Social Sciences, University of Ghana, Ghana**  
*Areas of Concentration: Political Science and History*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 2023 -Present** **Full Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations**
- 2015 -2022** **Associate Professor, Department of Political Science**  
*King's University College at the University of Western Ontario, Canada*
- 2017 - 2024** **Carnegie-UG Diasporan Fellow, Legon Centre for Int. Affairs (LECIAD)**  
*University of Ghana – Legon, Accra, Ghana*
- 2014 - 2017** **Co-ordinator, Social Justice and Peace Studies,**  
*King's University College at the University of Western Ontario, Canada*
- 2013 - 2014** **Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science**  
*King's University College at the University of Western Ontario, Canada*
- 2010 - 2012** **Adjunct Professor of Global Governance**  
*Trinity College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada*
- 2010 - 2012** **Lead Researcher**  
*Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo, Canada*
- 2009 - 2012** **Director, African Studies Program**  
*University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada*
- 2009 - 2013** **Assistant Professor, New College**  
*University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada*
- 2007 - 2008** **Research Fellow, Munk Centre for International Studies,**  
*University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada*
- 2006 - 2007** **Project Manager, Advocacy NGO, and International Political Economy**  
*Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada*
- 2001 - 2006** **Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science**  
*University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada*
- 2000 - 2001** **Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science**  
*Brock University, St. Catherines, Canada*
- 2000 - 2001** **Research Assistant, Department of Political Science**  
*Brock University, St. Catherines, Canada*
- 1999 - 2000** **Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science**  
*University of Ghana - Legon, Accra, Ghana*
- 1999 - 2000** **Research Assistant**  
*Ghana Centre for Democratic Development, Accra, Ghana*
- 1994 - 1996** **Research Assistant**  
*International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC, U.S.A. and University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana*

## LEADERSHIP ROLES

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2022 - 2024	<b>Program Co-Chair &amp; Session Vice-Chair</b> , <i>The International Studies Association – Global IR Section</i>
2022 - present	<b>Mentorship &amp; Sponsorship Thematic Lead</b> , <i>The Continental African Diaspora Scholars Network (CADSN) Canada</i>
2021 - present	<b>President</b> , <i>The Ghanaian Association of London and Middlesex (GALM)</i>
2020 - 2022	<b>Program Co-Chair of International Relations of Africans</b> , <i>The 63rd Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association</i>
2014 – 2017	<b>Co-ordinator</b> , Social Justice and Peace Studies, <i>King’s University College at the University of Western Ontario, Canada</i>
2009 - 2012	<b>Director</b> , African Studies Program, <i>University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada</i>
2007 - 2008	<b>Co-ordinator</b> , African Studies Program, <i>University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada</i>

## CONSULTANCY SERVICES

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2021 – 2022	UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa/Crisis Bureau
2011 - present	Department of National Defence, Canada
2020 - 2021	The State Department, United States of America
2020 - 2021	European Centre for Development Policy Management, Belgium
2010 - 2012	Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo, Canada
2008 - 2009	Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva, Switzerland
2004 - 2005	The World Bank Group, Washington DC, United States of America
2003 - 2005	Department of Foreign Affairs, Government of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

## SELECTED COURSES TAUGHT

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- Human Rights and International Relations (Gradue course)
- Negotiating Internationally (Gradue course)
- Informal International Relations (Gradue and Undergraduate course)
- Negotiating Peace in Africa (Undergraduate course).
- International Law and Organization (Undergraduate course).
- Developing Countries in International Politics (Undergraduate course)
- Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate course).
- Global Governance (Undergraduate course)

## CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Informal International Relations
- International organizations
- Backchannel negotiation and mediation
- International Relations theory
- Regional institutions and democracy promotion and defence
- Peacebuilding

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed Monographs

- Tiekou, T.K. (2018). *Governing Africa: 3D Analysis of the Performance of the African Union*. [Monograph] New York, NY: Rowman & Littlefield
- Tiekou, T.K. (2012). *United States of America-Africa Relations in the Age of Obama*. [Monograph] Ithaca: IAD, Cornell University
- Tiekou, T.K., & Francis, D. (2011). *African Union in Search of Peace and Reconciliation in Burundi and Comoros*. [Monograph] Addis Ababa: African Union (Translated into French, Arabic, and Kiswahili).

### Refereed Edited Volumes

- Tiekou, T.K., Coffie, A., Setrana, M.B., & Taiwo, A. (Eds.). (2021). *The Politics of Peacebuilding in Africa*. Routledge.
- Tiekou, T.K., & Coleman, K. (Eds.). (2018). *Africa’s Contributions to Global Norms*. Lynne Rienner.

### Refereed Journal Articles

- Tiekou, T.K. and Yakohene, A.B., 2024. Exploring Communities of Practice from an Informality Perspective: Insights from the AU, ECOWAS, and UN in West African Mediation Theaters. *Global*

- Studies Quarterly*, 4(1), <https://academic.oup.com/isagsq/article/4/1/ksad074/7590538>.
- Tiekü, K. T., and Yakohene, A.B., 2023. Analyzing the African Continental Free Trade Area (the AfCFTA) from an Informality Perspective: A Beautiful House in the Wrong Neighborhood. *Global Studies Quarterly*, 3(3), <https://academic.oup.com/isagsq/article/3/3/ksad043/7280238>.
  - Tiekü, T.K., Trondal, J., and Gänzle, S., 2023. The organisational dimension of executive authority in the Global South: Insights from the AU and ECOWAS commissions. *Global Policy*, 14(1), 31-47.
  - Tiekü, K. T., Trondal, J. and Gänzle, S., 2022. “The behavioural logics of international public servants: the case of African Union Commission staff.” *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09557571.2022.2126746>
  - Tiekü, K. T. 2022. “A New Research Agenda for Africa International Relations.” *African Affairs*. 121(484): 487–499.
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2021). The Legon School of International Relations. *Review of International Studies* 47(5), 656-671. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0260210521000395>
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2021). Informal International Relations. *Oxford Research Encyclopaedia of International Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190846626.013.613>
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2021). Punching Above Weight: How the African Union Commission Exercises Agency in Politics. *Africa Spectrum* 56(3), 254-273. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0002039721990394>
  - Tiekü, T.K., & Payler, M. (2021). From Paternalism to the Chambas Formula for Mediation: Conceptualizing Cooperation between the UN and Regional Organizations in Mediating Conflicts. *International Negotiation*. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15718069-bja10040>
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2021). The African Union Makes its Mark in the Pandemic. *Current History* 120(826), 172-177. <https://doi.org/10.1525/curh.2021.120.826.172>
  - Tiekü, T.K., Gänzle, S., & Trondal, J. (2020). People Who Run African Affairs. Staffing and Recruitment the African Union Commission. *Journal of Modern African Studies* 58(3), 461-481. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022278X20000270>
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2019). Ruling from the Shadows: The Functions of Informal International Rules in World Politics. *International Studies Review* 21(2), 225-243. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viz012>
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2019). The African Union: Successes and Failures. *Oxford Encyclopaedia of African Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.703>
  - Tiekü, T.K., & Hakak, T. (2014). African Union-United Nations Security Cooperation. *Journal of African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* 4(2), 129-156. <https://doi.org/10.2979/africonfpeacrevi.4.2.129>
  - Tiekü, T.K., Obi, C., & Scorgie-Porter, L. (2014). Introduction: African Union Peace and Security Architecture. *Journal of African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* 4(2), 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.2979/africonfpeacrevi.4.2.1>
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2013). African Agency via Multilateral Channels: Opportunities and Challenges. *Journal of Conflict, Security and Development* 13(5), 513-535. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14678802.2013.849848>
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2013). Perks Diplomacy: The Role of Perquisites in Peace Negotiations. *International Negotiation* 18(2), 245-263.
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2012). A Pan-African View of A ‘New’ Agenda for Peace. *International Journal* 67(2), 373-389. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/23266013>
  - Tiekü, T.K., & Legler, T. (2010). What Difference Can a Path Make? Regional Regimes for Democracy Promotion and Defense in the Americas and Africa. *Democratization* 17(3), 465-491. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510341003700337>
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2009). Multilateralization of Democracy Promotion and Defense in Africa. *Africa Today* 56(2), 75-91. <https://doi.org/10.1353/at.0.0094>
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2007). African Union Promotion of Human Security in Africa. *African Security Review* 16(2), 26-37. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10246029.2007.9627414>
  - Tiekü, T.K., & Powell, K. (2005). From the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution to the new Security Agenda of the African Union: Is Africa any closer to a Pax Pan-Africana? *International Journal* 60(4), 937-952. <https://doi.org/10.1177/002070200506000404>
  - Tiekü, T.K., & Powell, K. (2005). The African Union and The Responsibility to Protect: Towards a Protection Regime for Africa? *International Insights* 20 (1&2), 215-235.
  - Tiekü, T.K. (2004). Explaining the Clash and Accommodation of Interests of Major Actors in the creation of the African Union. *African Affairs* 103(411), 249-267 <https://doi.org/10.1093/afraf/adh041>
  - Tiekü, T.K., Burton, C., & Powell, K. (2004). The African Union’s Standby Force: Canadian Foreign and Defence Policy Options. *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* 11(1), 47-79. <https://doi.org/10.1080/11926422.2004.9673357>

- Tiekü, T.K. (2021). Explaining APSA from the Perspective of Informal International Practices. In K.P.W. Döring, U. Engel, L. Gelot, & J. Herpolsheimer, (Eds), *Researching the Inner Life of the African Peace and Security Architecture* (pp. 101-116). Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill.
- T.K. Tiekü, A. Coffie, M. B. Setrana, & A. Taiwo, 2021. A social justice perspective of politics of peacebuilding in Africa. In T.K. Tiekü, A. Coffie, M. B. Setrana, & A. Taiwo (Eds.), *The Politics of Peacebuilding in Africa*. (pp. 5-15). New York, NY: Routledge.
- T.K. Tiekü, A. Coffie, M. B. Setrana, & A. Taiwo, 2021. Conclusion: Ideas, Actors, Institutions, and Future Research Direction. In T.K. Tiekü, A. Coffie, M. B. Setrana, & A. Taiwo (Eds.), *The Politics of Peacebuilding in Africa*. (pp. 232-242). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2020). A Mission to Civilize: The Liberal Idea of Peacebuilding in Africa. In I. Rashid & A. Niang (Eds.), *Researching Peacebuilding in Africa* (pp. 56-71). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2019). Stirring the Pot: The African Union and the International Order. In K. Coleman, M. Kornprobst & A. Seegers (Eds.), *Introducing Orders of Africa, Orders of the World: How Diplomats Navigate Borderlands* (pp. 212-234). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Tiekü, T.K., & Coleman, K. (2018). African Actors in International Security: Four Pathways to Influence. In K. Coleman & T. K. Tiekü (Eds.), *African Actors in International Security: Shaping Contemporary Norms* (pp. 1-19). Boulder: Lynne Rienner.
- Tiekü, T.K., & Coleman, K. (2018). African Agency in Theory and Practice. In K. Coleman & T.K. Tiekü (Eds.), *African Actors in International Security: Shaping Contemporary Norms* (pp. 241-256) Boulder: Lynne Rienner.
- Tiekü, T.K., & Gelot, L. (2017). African Perspective on Global Governance. In A. Triandafyllidou (Ed.), *Global Governance from Regional Perspectives* (pp. 119-140). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2014). Theoretical Approaches to Africa's International Relations. In T. Murithi (Ed.), *A Handbook of Africa's International Relations* (pp. 1-18). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2013). African Union: From Federalism to Fantasy Union. In J. Loughlin, J. Kincaid & W. Swenden (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Regionalism and Federalism* (pp. 573-574) New York, NY: Routledge.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2013). Pan-Africanization of Human Security. In M. Martin & T. Owen (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Human Security* Abingdon: Routledge.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2013). African Union. In J. Boulden (Eds.), *Responding to Conflict in Africa: The United Nations and Regional Organizations* (pp. 33-50) New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2013). The Role of the African Union in Post-War Reconstruction. In D. Simpson, C. Veney & P. Zeleza (Eds.), *Development and Democracy in Post-War African Nations* (pp. 219-237) Lanham: Lexington Books.
- Tiekü, T.K., & Odoom, I. (2012). Re-orient the Crowd: Ghana's foreign policymaking. In F. Ohemeng, B. W. Carroll, J.R.A. Ayee, & A.B. Darku (Eds.), *Policymaking in Africa in the 21st Century* (pp. 323-345) New York, NY: Edwin Mellen Press.
- Tiekü, T.K., & Grant, J.A. (2011). New Regionalisms and the African Union: Reflections on the Rise of Africrats, Regional Economic Integration, and Inter-Regional Relations. In B. McKercher (Ed), *Handbook on Diplomacy and Statecraft* Abingdon: Routledge.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2012). Africa's Collectivist Worldview: Its Challenge to International Relations. In C. Scarlett, K. Dunne & T. Shaw (Eds.), *Africa's Challenge to Global Studies* (pp. 36-50) New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2011). The evolution and role of AU Commission and Africrats: Drivers of Africa's regionalism. In A. Grant, C. Scarlett, & T. Shaw (Eds.), *The Research Companion to Regionalisms* (pp. 193-212) Ashgate.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2010). Major African Powers and African Union Peace and Security Council. In D. Bound, U. Engel, & J.G. Porto (Eds.), *Africa's New Peace and Security Architecture* Ashgate.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2009). African Union & US Strategic Interests in Africa. In D. Francis (Ed.), *African Security & US Strategic Interests in Africa* (pp. 78-91) Routledge

#### Technical Reports

- Tiekü, T.K. (2009). *African Union Mediation of Burundi Crisis*. Geneva: Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue.
- Tiekü, T.K., Burton, C., & Powell, K. (2003). *The African Union's Standby Force: Canadian Foreign and Defence Policy Options*. Ottawa: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

#### Refereed Discussion Papers and Book Reviews

- Tiekü, T.K. (2019). [Review of *The African Union: Autocracy, Diplomacy, and Peacebuilding in Africa*, by T. Murithi & T. Karbo]. *South African Journal of International Affairs* 26(1), 157-158.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2013). *African Union and South Africa*. Nordic Africa Institute Paper Series.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2012). *How Perks Influence outcomes of Peace Process*. The Africa Initiative Discussion Paper No. 3.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2012). *AU Plays, UN Pays: The new normal in AU-UN Security Cooperation*. America: Social Science Research Council Forum.
- Tiekü, T.K., & Ostry, S. (2007). *Trade Advocacy Groups and the Multilateral Trading System*. MCIS Briefing Paper Series, Munk School of Global Affairs.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2007). [Review of *The Failure of Grassroots Pan-Africanism: The Case of the All-African Trade Union Federation*, by O. Agyemang]. *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 41 (2), 309-311.
- Tiekü, T.K. (2005). [Review of *A Strategic Vision for Africa: The Kampala Movement*, by F.M. Deng, & I. W. Zartman]. *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 39 (1), 148-151.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Lectures/Presentations

<b>February 2024</b>	Lessons Learned and the way forward for the African Peace and Security Architecture, UNU-CRIS, Swedish Defense University, Leipzig University, and Södertörn. Bruge.
<b>November 2023</b>	The State of the African Union. Presentation at the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, The University of British Columbia. Vancouver.
<b>September 2023</b>	Understanding Multilateralism from an Informality Baseline. Presentation at the Centre for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS), McGill University. Quebec City.
<b>Feb 2022</b>	<i>Africa's Security Challenges in the Era of COVID</i> . Canadian Forces College, Toronto.
<b>Nov 2021</b>	<i>Examining Challenges and Opportunities for Collaboration on Governance, Peace, and Security in Africa</i> . The African Member States Technical Experts Retreat, organized by ISS, Zanzibar, Tanzania.
<b>Oct 2021</b>	<i>Security Dynamics in Africa</i> . Canadian Forces College, Toronto. This presentation was made to over 100 middle-level military officers and civilians from around the world.
<b>Oct 2021</b>	<i>Merging African Union Peace and Political Affairs</i> . European Center for Development Policy Management and Institute for Security Studies. This was a roundtable for senior policymakers working on AU peace and governance issues.
<b>Oct 2021</b>	<i>Can Africa Succeed as a Continent Without Taking International Relations Seriously?</i> Roundtable discussion on African IR, Collective for Renewal of Africa (CORA).
<b>Sep 2021</b>	<i>Is The African Union Becoming More Effective?</i> Paper presented to senior U.S. policymakers.
<b>Aug 2021</b>	<i>Expert roundtable – UN and AU Institutional Reforms Confirmation</i> . Roundtable organized by ISS.
<b>Nov 2020</b>	<i>Options for Canadian Peace Operations in Africa</i> . Canadian Forces College, Toronto. This lecture was given to senior military and security personnel from over 23 countries.
<b>Dec 2019</b>	<i>Why Writing Matters: Overcoming Common Problems in Doctoral Dissertation Writing</i> . This presentation was addressed to Doctoral Candidates selected from 15 African universities. This mentorship workshop was organized by the Social Science Research Council's (SSRC) Next Generation of African Scholars Program (NEXTGEN) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
<b>Nov 2019</b>	<i>Options for Canadian Peace Operations in Africa</i> . Canadian Forces College, Toronto.
<b>Oct 2019</b>	<i>People Who Run Africa: Staffing and Recruitment in the African Union Commission</i> . SciencesPo, Paris.
<b>Jun 2019</b>	<i>Africa's Insecurities: Canadian Foreign Policy Options</i> . Canadian Forces College, Toronto.

- Nov 2015** *You Cannot Bomb Your Way Out of Terror Attacks*. Presentation at International Security Forum organized by French Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Senegal, Dakar.
- Oct 2015** *The Value of Contextualizing Your Proposed Research in the Literature*. Presentation at a Workshop for West African Peacebuilding Researchers organized by Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy, University of Ghana, and the African Peacebuilding Network (APN) of the American Social Science Research Council, Accra.
- Dec 2014** *Exploring African Security Challenges*. Canadian Forces College, Toronto.
- Nov 2013** *Regional Security Innovations in Africa*. Canadian Forces College, Toronto.
- Jan 2014** *The African Insecurity Landscape*. Canadian Forces College, Toronto.
- Nov 2013** *Regional Security Innovations in Africa*. Canadian Forces College, Toronto.
- Oct 2013** *The Role of Per Diem in Peace Mediation*. African Union Retreat of Special Envoys and Mediators, Abidjan.
- Nov 2012** *Ten years of African Union promotion of peace and security in Africa*. African Union Retreat of Special Envoys and Mediators, Cairo.
- Apr 2012** *African Union and South Africa*. Swedish International Development Agency, Swedish Defense Research Agency, and Nordic Africa Institute, Stockholm.
- Apr 2012** *Marriage of Convenience: United Nations-African Union Security Cooperation*. Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies at Cornell University, Ithaca.
- Mar 2012** *Regional Security Innovations in Africa*. Basille School of International Affairs, Waterloo.
- Dec 2011** *Governing Southern Sudan: Challenges Facing the World's Newest Country*. Chinua Achebe Colloquium, Brown University, Providence Rhode Island.
- Nov 2011** *Perks Diplomacy: International Negotiation as a Business*. Queen's University, Kingston.
- Apr 2011** *Lessons learned from mediation by an African regional organization*. Paper presented at a seminar organized by the British International Studies Association/International Studies Association Africa Working Group, University of Birmingham, Birmingham.
- Mar 2011** *New Rules for African Politics*. Paper presented at a seminar organized by King's University College Political Science Club, King's University College in the University of Western Ontario, Ontario.
- Feb 2011** *Good, bad, and ugly news about Southern Sudan's independence*. Paper presented at a seminar organized by the International Services and Programs Abroad, Brock University, St. Catharine's.
- Dec 2010** *Making sense of new African politics*. Paper presented at the Department of International Studies, Marymount College, New York.
- Nov 2010** *Rules for Africa's International Relations*. Paper presented at the Department of International Relations, Boston University, Boston.
- Nov 2009** *Aid Paradox: Why Turning off the Aid Tap Won't Work*. Paper presented at a seminar organized by the Institute for African Development at Cornell University, Ithaca.
- Oct 2009** *Solidarity Intervention: Emerging Trends in African Union's Involvement in crisis*. Paper presented at a seminar organized by the British International Studies Association/International Studies Association African Working Group and Chatham House, London.
- May 2008** *Closing Gaps: AU democracy promotion in Post-Conflict States in Africa*. Paper presented at a seminar organized by the Departments of African American Studies and Political Science in the University of Illinois, Chicago.

### Conferences

- Mar 2023** *Centering African Voices and Theories in IR*. Roundtable Discussions at The Annual Convention of International Studies Association.
- Mar 2023** *Informal Diplomacy as Communities of Practice*. Paper presented at The Annual Convention of International Studies Association.
- Mar 2022** *The Challenges of Achieving Global IR, two linked roundtables: 1. "What is Global IR?"* Roundtable Discussions at The Annual Convention of International Studies Association.

- Mar 2022** *Theory Distinguished Scholar Roundtable Honoring Arlene B. Tickner.* Distinguished Scholar Panel at The Annual Convention of International Studies Association.
- Nov 2021** *Capacities, Competences, and Sovereign Duties (CCSD) of Post-Colonial African States in Global Governance.* EUI Workshop on the State and Global Governance, Florence.
- Apr 2021** *Informal International Politics (IIP): Setting A Research Agenda.* Paper presented at The Annual Convention of International Studies Association.
- Apr 2021** *The African Union Commission: Shaping the Dynamics of Integration in Africa?* Paper presented at The Annual Convention of International Studies Association.
- Apr 2021** *Informality in World Politics: Global and regional governance/ Across subdisciplines?* Roundtable Discussions at The Annual Convention of International Studies Association.
- Apr 2021** *The Legon School of IR.* Paper presented at The Annual Convention of International Studies Association.
- Apr 2021** *More/Less 'New Regionalisms'* Roundtable Discussions at The Annual Convention of International Studies Association.
- Feb 2021** *Explaining APSA from the Perspective of Informal International Practices.* Paper prepared for presentation at the AFNSIR-2021 Conference at the RUDN University, Moscow.
- Nov 2020** *African, Decolonial, Global IR Movements, and Kwame Nkrumah.* Presentation at the 63rd Annual Meeting of ASA.
- Mar 2020** *Informal International Relations.* Paper presented at The Annual Convention of International Studies Association.
- Mar 2020** *The African Union Commission: Shaping the Dynamics of Integration in Africa?* Paper presented at The Annual Convention of International Studies Association with J. Trondal, & S. Gänzle.
- Oct 2019** *Informality and Global IR: Setting A Research Agenda.* Millennium Conference, LSE, London.
- Oct 2019** *Informal IR and African IR: Setting a Research Agenda.* ASAA, United States International University, Nairobi.
- Aug 2019** *The African School of International Relations: A Research Agenda.* International Studies Association Conference, Accra.
- Aug 2019** *Punching Above Weight: How African Actors Exercise Agency in Global Affairs.* International Studies Association Conference, Accra.
- Mar 2019** *A Century of International Relations: Reflections on the Origins, Exclusions, and Limitations of a Discipline.* Roundtable presentation at the 60th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto.
- Mar 2019** *The African Union Commission for the 21st Century: Shaping the Dynamics of Integration in Africa.* Paper presented at the 60th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto.
- Apr 2018** *Informal Turn in World Politics.* Sapphire Series presentation at the 59th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco.
- Apr 2018** *Not in Our Backyard: African Union and the Norm Against Mass Killings.* Paper presented at the 59th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco.
- Apr 2018** *The African Union Commission: A New Supranational Actor in International Affairs?* Paper presented at the 59th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco.
- Mar 2016** *Theorising African Union and United Nations cooperation in peace missions.* Paper presented at the 57th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Mar 2016** *Driving up the Walls: Assessment of the performance of African Union in promoting democracy in a troubled region.* Paper presented at the 57th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Jan 2015** *Do what I say or do what we say: The African Union and the United Nations relations.* Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of International Studies Association-Global South Caucus, Singapore.



<b>Mar 2014</b>	<i>Theorizing AU's Performance on Political Governance: Solidarity Politics View.</i> Paper presented at the 55th Annual Convention of International Studies Association, Toronto.
<b>Mar 2014</b>	<i>The Geopolitics of African Peace and Security Architecture.</i> Paper presented at the 55th Annual Convention of International Studies Association, Toronto.
<b>Dec 2013</b>	<i>African Perspective on Global Governance.</i> Paper presented at Global Governance from Regional Perspectives, Florence.
<b>Nov 2013</b>	<i>The African Peace and Security Architecture.</i> Paper presented at The Annual Association of African Studies, Baltimore.
<b>Apr 2013</b>	<i>Major African Powers and African Union.</i> Paper presented at the 54th Annual Convention of International Studies Association, San Francisco.
<b>Dec 2012</b>	<i>The oversight Role of African Legislatures.</i> Paper presented at North-South Institute, Ottawa.
<b>Nov 2012</b>	<i>The Role of the African Union in Post-War Reconstruction.</i> Paper presented at The Annual Association of African Studies, Philadelphia.
<b>Jul 2012</b>	<i>Lessons Learned from Mediation by African Regional Organizations.</i> International Political Science Association Annual Congress, Madrid.
<b>Apr 2012</b>	<i>Regionalisms and Mediation in the Global Information Age.</i> Paper presented at the 53rd Annual Convention of International Studies Association, San Diego.
<b>Mar 2011</b>	<i>United States-Africa Relations in the Age of Obama.</i> Paper presented at the 52nd Annual Convention of International Studies Association, Montréal.
<b>Mar 2011</b>	<i>The Role of Collectivist Worldview in International Relations Theory.</i> Paper presented at the 52nd Annual Convention of International Studies Association, Montreal.
<b>Sep 2010</b>	<i>African Union Crisis Management in Africa: Lessons from Burundi.</i> Paper presented at the SGIR 7th Pan-European Conference on IR, Stockholm.
<b>Jun 2010</b>	<i>The AU Commission: A New Supranational Actor?</i> Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Canadian Political Science Association, Montréal.
<b>Jun 2010</b>	<i>Theorizing African International Relations.</i> Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Canadian Association for the Study of International Development, Montréal.
<b>Jan 2010</b>	<i>Following the Crowd: United States of America Counterterrorism Operations in Africa.</i> Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), New Orleans.
<b>Feb 2009</b>	<i>Solidarity Politics and the Responsibility to Protect.</i> Paper presented at the Annual Convention of International Studies Association, New York.
<b>Feb 2009</b>	<i>The Selection of the Norm of Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect.</i> Paper presented at the Annual Convention of International Studies Association, New York with C. Badescu.
<b>May 2009</b>	<i>Mediating African Crisis: Lessons from Burundi.</i> Paper presented at a seminar for AU mediators organized by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue/African Union, Addis Ababa.
<b>Jun 2008</b>	<i>Multilateralization of Democracy Promotion in Africa.</i> Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Canadian Political Science Association, Vancouver.
<b>Mar 2008</b>	<i>The Challenge of Africa's Embedded Personhood to Global Studies.</i> Paper presented at the Annual Convention of International Studies Association, San Francisco.

## **SELECTED MENTORSHIP/SUPERVISION**

### **Post-Doctoral Mentorship**

- **Fana Gebresenbet, Ph.D. (University of Addis Ababa)**  
“The Ethiopian Developmental State: Dam Project-Related Land Expropriation, Conflict and Peacebuilding in South Omo.”
- **Dr. Tendai Joseph Chari, Ph.D. (University of Venda)**  
“Zimbabwean Diaspora Media and their Entanglement in Homeland Conflicts: Mapping Discourses of Conflict and Peace-building.”
- **Mary Boatemaa Setrana, Ph.D. (University of Ghana)**  
“Farmer-Herder Conflict and Implications for Conflict Prevention and Transformation: The Case of Second-Generation Fulani Migrants in Ghana.”



- **Richard Alemdjrodo, Ph.D. (University of Lomé)**  
“Regional Organizations and Evolving International Norms on Conflict.”
- **Amanda Coffie, Ph.D. (University of Ghana, Legon)**  
“Sharing the Responsibility to Protect and Rebuild: Lessons from Resettled African Refugee Diaspora.”
- **Dr. Fekadu Adugna Tufa, Ph.D. (University of Addis Ababa)**  
“Politics of identity, frontier security, and the challenges of peace-building in the Somali Region of Ethiopia.”
- **Jacinta Maweu, Ph.D. (University of Nairobi)**  
“Instigators of Conflict or Messengers of Peace? The Role of the Media in Promoting Interfaith Dialogue between Christians and Muslims to Ensure lasting Peace in Mombasa, Kenya.”
- **Peace Medie, Ph.D. (University of Ghana, Legon)**  
“Security and Justice in Côte d’Ivoire: A Study of Women’s Responses to Gender-Based Violence.”
- **Boubacar Daouda Diallo, Ph.D. (Abdou Moumouni University)**  
“Mapping Water Conflicts and Best Management Practices in Pastoralist Areas in Niger, Burkina Faso, and Nigeria.”
- **Godfrey Maringira, Ph.D. (University of the Western Cape)**  
“Journeys of peace in violent townships: New pathways for Azania People’s Liberation Army ex-combatants in South Africa,” SSRC’s Africa Peacebuilding Grantee Program, 2013-2014 cohort.
- **Bizusew Mersha Ashagrie, (Intergovernmental Authority on Development, IGAD)**  
“Influence of environmental pressure on inter-communal relations: Environmental scarcity and conflict in cross-border pastoral areas of the Lower Omo Valley,” SSRC’s Africa Peacebuilding Grantee Program, 2013-2014 cohort.
- **Nsamba Morris (African Research and Resource Forum)**  
“Enhancing the Capacity of Local Governance Institutions to Resolve Conflicts in Kenya,” SSRC’s Africa Peacebuilding Grantee Program, 2012-2013 cohort.
- **Aloysius Ngalim, (University of Buea) and Michael Kehinde**  
“Post-Boundary Adjustment Resettlement: The Case of Bakassi Nigerians,” SSRC’s Africa Peacebuilding Grantee Program, 2012-2013 cohort.

#### Graduate Supervision and Mentees

- **Megan Payler (The University of Western Ontario)**  
“So Call Me a State, Maybe? Theorizing International State Recognition.”
- **Alfred Oduro (University of Toronto)**  
“African NGOs’ Membership of International Organizations.”
- **Gertrude Adwoa Offeibea Ansaaku ((University of Ghana)**  
“An Assessment of Counterterrorism Cooperation Under the African Union, 2002-2017.”
- **Titilope Ajayi (University of Ghana)**  
“Through African Eyes: Bring Back Our Girls and the Politics of Transnational Activism.”
- **Alaba Favour Ogwumike (University of Ibadan)**  
“Pastoralists’ Movement, Conflicts and Peace in South-South Nigeria.”
- **Hakim Nsobya (University of Cape Town)**  
“Mediated Mimbar in East Africa: Muslim Electronic Media in Contemporary Uganda.”
- **Muema Wambua (United States International University-Africa)**  
“International Interventions in Conflict Transformation Processes in Kenya, 2008-2017.”
- **Douglas Amoah (University of Ghana, Legon)**  
“Community Policing in Ghana’s Fourth Republic: An Assessment.”
- **Wasiu Olorunlambe (Makerere University)**

“Gender-based Violence against Women and Children during United Nations Peace Keeping Operations in Sub-Saharan Africa (Central Africa Republic and South Sudan).”

- **Yikwabs Yikwabs (University of Ibadan)**  
“Putting Victims First: Unpacking the Dynamics of Victimization Experiences in the Farmer-Herder Conflict of North Central Nigeria.”
- **Alene Kassaw Fentie (Makerere University)**  
“Trans-border Security Threats in the Horn of Africa: Actors, Their Modi operandi and Implications for Human Security in Ethiopia.”
- **Jessica Afara**  
“A Comparative Study of Economic Diplomacy: Chinese and Canadian Investment Practises in the Global South.”
- **Shajar Gleiser**  
“Canada -European Union Free Trade Negotiation: A 3D Analysis,”  
Munk School of Global Affairs.
- **Jonathan L Melchiorre, (co-adviser),**  
“Economic Policy and Accountability in Post-Apartheid South Africa,”  
Political Science.

#### Undergraduate Supervision

- **Derek Emanuel Orosz**  
“Trading for Our Future: Implications of Canada-EU Bilateral Trade on Canada’s Compliance with International Environmental Obligations”  
(Proceeded to graduate school at BSIA)
- **Catalina Maria Franco**  
“Democracy Promotion within Latin America: A Catch-22” (Proceeded to graduate school at Western University)
- **Olivia Dooley**  
“Trade over Aid? Reshaping Canada’s Official Development Assistance to sub-Saharan Africa” (Proceeded to graduate school at NPSIA, Carleton University)
- **Samuel Green**  
“Rules, Rights, Responsibilities, and Reasoning: Testing the philosophical consistency of R2P within the context of the Arab Spring”  
(Rhodes Scholarship Finalists)
- **Johnny Henderson**  
“International Monetary Fund Lending Facilities in the Twenty-First Century: Correlation Does Not Imply Causation” (Proceeded to graduate school at LSE)
- **Tanzeel Hakkak**  
“Two Peas in a Broken Pod: Peacekeeping Relationship between the United Nations and the African Union” (Proceeded to graduate school at BSIA)
- **Adam McCauley**  
“Private Security Agencies and Conflict Duration” *Peace and Conflict*  
(Proceeded to graduate school at Columbia University)
- **Temisan Boya**  
“The influence of international NGOs in the Global South: The case of Journalist for Human Rights” *African Studies* (Proceeded to University of Oxford)
- **Jeffrey Scorgie**  
“The Concept of International Border and Survivability of Rebel Groups in Africa” *History* (Proceeded to University of Ottawa)
- **Sarah Mughal**

- **Michael Beeler** “An Assessment of Culturally Specific HIV Prevention for African Communities in Toronto, Ontario” *African Studies* (Proceeded to graduate school at Simon Fraser University)
- **Jeff MacOsei** “Post-conflict Reconstruction in the Horn of Africa” *Peace and Conflict* (Proceeded to graduate school at MIT)
- **Jeff MacOsei** “NGO Approaches to Combating HIV/AIDS in West Africa” *African Studies* (Took up an administrative position at Global Operations & INTRIA)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

### **Recent PhD Examination of Dissertation**

- **Karmen Tornius** Regional gender governance in Africa: The African Union in perspective. **Roskilde University** (March 30, 2023).
- **Jemima Nomunume Baada** Being Pushed and Pulled: Understanding How Climate Change And Multilateral Investment Interact To Influence Rural-to-rural Migration In Sub-Saharan Africa. **The University of Western Ontario** (August 15, 2022)
- **Nafisa A. Abdulhamid** “Civilians in Armed Conflict: The Case of the African Union Mission in Somalia.” **Dalhousie University** (August 16, 2021)
- **Isaac Mensah** “Countering terrorism in Africa: A critique of the African union’s approach and effectiveness” Ph.D. Dissertation. **The University of Western Australia** (September 9, 2020)
- **Ousmane Diallo** “Between aspiration and the reality: State governance, the APSA and the conflict in Mali” Ph.D. Dissertation. **Balsillie School of International Affairs/Wilfrid Laurier University** (June 17, 2020)
- **Kilian Nasung Atuoye** “The Psychosocial Health and Wellbeing Impacts of Large-Scale Land Acquisitions in Coastal Tanzania” Ph.D. Dissertation. **The University of Western Ontario** (December 4, 2019)
- **Khalid Elagab Ahmed** “A Critical Perspective on Mediating Peace in Africa: The Case of Sudan” **University of Toronto** (August 28, 2018)
- **Densua Mumford** “The Power of Experts: Why Non-Democracies Create Regional Parliaments” **Nuffield College, University of Oxford** (March 9, 2018)
- **Jemima Nomunume Baada** “A Gendered Perspective on Migrant Women Farmers’ Lived Experiences in the Brong-Ahafo Region of Ghana.” MA Dissertation. **The University of Western Ontario** (September 18, 2017)

### **Editorial/Advisory Board**

<b>2023 – present</b>	Review of International Studies, Cambridge University Press
<b>2022 – present</b>	International Studies Review, Oxford University Press
<b>2021 – present</b>	Critical African Studies, Taylor and Francis
<b>2020 – present</b>	African Affairs, Oxford University Press
<b>2018 – present</b>	Africa Institute at the University of Western Ontario
<b>2012 – present</b>	Editorial Board Member, Cornell Institute for African Development (Ithaca)
<b>2014 – 2017</b>	Social Science Research Council’s African Peacebuilding Network (New York)
<b>2013 – 2016</b>	Member, Distinguished External Reference Group: African Capacity Building Foundation (Gaborone)

**Review of Book Proposals**

- Cambridge University Press
- Indiana University Press
- Lynne Rienner
- Oxford University Press
- Palgrave Macmillan
- Routledge

**Peer-review of Journal Articles**

- On average, I review about 12 manuscripts per year for many journals including but not limited to:
  - African Affairs
  - Canadian Journal of African Studies
  - Diplomacy and Statecraft
  - European Journal of International Relations
  - Journal of Modern African Studies
  - Journal of Peacebuilding & Development
  - International Affairs
  - International Negotiation
  - International Studies Perspectives
  - International Studies Quarterly
  - International Studies Review
  - International Theory

**PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL PUBLICATIONS**

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- My public intellectual works have appeared in national media including but not limited to:
  - The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)
  - The Conversation
  - The Globe and Mail
  - Toronto Star
  - Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)
  - Regional outlets such as TV Ontario (TVO).

**Sample Intellectual Publication**

- *The African Union at 20: A lot has been achieved despite many flaws*, The Conversation, February 1, 2022
- *Experts urge Trudeau to use African trip to reset relationship*, The Canadian Press, February 6, 2020
- *Barack Obama in Africa: Back to Cold War Settings?* The British Guardian & Think Africa Press, June 2013
- *Turning Point Panel Discussion*, CBC's flagship program The National, CBC with Peter Mansbridge, February 2013
- *Cut the Shameless Perks of International Diplomacy*, Globe and Mail, Toronto, May 6, 2012
- *Crisis in the Congo*, Interview by Steve Pakin, The Agenda, TVO, Toronto, January 2012
- *How Canada Can Help End the Ivory Coast Standoff*, Globe and Mail, Toronto, January 2011

**DISTINCTIONS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

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**Recent Grants & Awards**

2019 – 2026	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
2018 – 2019	King's University College's Internal Grant
2017 – 2018	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
2015 – 2016	One Earth Future Foundation
2015 – 2016	Academic Council of the United Nations System/United Nations University

### **Honors**

- The Hugh Mellon Excellence in Research, King's University College At The University of Western Ontario, 2023.
- Excellence in Teaching, Ontario University Students Alliance, 2022.
- The Best Article Prize, The Review of International Studies/ the British International Studies Association, 2022.
- Excellence in Teaching, Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto, 2009.
- First Class Honors, University of Ghana, 1999.
- Vice Chancellor's Honor-List, University of Ghana.
- Public Spiritedness Award, Commonwealth Hall, University of Ghana.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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- African Studies Association of Africa
- African Studies Association
- Canadian Association of African Studies
- Canadian Political Science Association
- European Consortium for Political Research
- International Political Science Association
- International Studies Association