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Research interests: International relations, international security, African state-society relations, conflict, terrorism and transitional justice, ethnicity, political violence, corruption

EDUCATION

Ph.D. International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK 2018- to date
(Supervisor: Dr. Milli Lake. Thesis topic: The role of ethnicity in Sub-Saharan African terrorist groups)

Masters of Letters (Terrorism and Political Violence), St Andrews University, Scotland, UK 2017

Bachelor of Arts (Political and International Relations), Lancaster University, UK 2015

PUBLICATIONS (IN PROGRESS)

Mutahi. N, Micheni. M, Lake. L, (*Under review*), Institutionalising Corruption: Police Reform in Kenya

Micheni. M, (*Ongoing*), 'Unitary resistance'

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

Micheni (2020), The Identity Matrix and Contemporary Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa, E-International Relations, <https://www.e-ir.info/2020/11/19/the-identity-matrix-and-contemporary-conflict-in-sub-saharan-africa/>

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Maputo, Mozambique: January 2019
Maiduguri, Nigeria: October-December 2019

TEACHING

(LSE)

IR100 International Relations: Theories, Concepts and Debates
IR101 Contemporary Issues in International Relations

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Advancing Research on Conflict (ARC), UK

Program Assistant – 2019/2020
Duties: Administrative support, funding application.

London School of Economics: Conflict Research Programme, UK

Programme support Assistant: 2018/2019
Duties: Assistant to Professor Mary Kaldor (CBE)

Royal United Service Institute (RUSI), Kenya

Intern: January 2017- June 2017
Duties: Research assistant, mentorship program support assistant, terrorism data collection and analysis, administrative support, journal compliance editing, event organisation

In On Africa (ION), South Africa

Research Assistant: September 2016 – December 2016
Duties: research and discourse analysis

International Maritime Organisation (IMO), UK

Intern: January 2016

Duties: External Relations Office assistant, administrative support- Inter-agency and NGO relations division.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- LSE ESRC PhD Studentship (£16,500 per year) 2018
- Sir Patrick Gillam Fund (£5000) 2019

SELECTED WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND PAPER

- ‘Challenges to Global Governance: Conflict, Contagion, and Citizens’ Rights’– Panel Presenter. University College London, UK. February 2019
- Postgraduate Workshop, CSTPV St. Andrews University: Presenter- Alumni Careers Panel, February 2020
- Advancing Research in Conflict. Washington, USA. August 2019
- States and Societies in Violent Political Organizing: Emergence, Evolution and Response- Panel Presenter. ISA Annual Convention, Honolulu, April 2020 (*Cancelled*)
- Monopolizing Legitimate Violence: States, (In)security, and Political Order; States and Societies in Violent Political Organizing: Emergence, Evolution and Response, Panel Presented. ISA 2021
- Centring the Margins: Governance in the Context of Conflict, Discussant, ISA 2021

LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent), Swahili – Listening (Intermediate)