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Profile: Adil Sait is a development geographer at the Department of Geography & Environment, LSE. His doctoral research, supervised by Dr. Richard Perkins and Prof. Claire Mercer, on mining and African development from a decolonial perspective, included fieldwork in Namibia, where he is a visiting fellow at the Institute for Land, Livelihoods, and Housing (ILLH) at the Namibia University of Science and Technology. Sait holds a BSc. in Urban Planning from UCL (First Class Honours, 2015-18), and an MSc. in Local Economic Development from LSE (Distinction, 2018-19). His masters' thesis on livelihoods, urbanization, and local economic development in Monrovia, Liberia, was funded by the LSE Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa, and awarded an LSE Africa Best Dissertation Prize (2018-19). Prior to his doctoral studies, Sait was an analyst with BuroHappold and a research assistant for the LSE Kuwait Programme. Sait has also been involved in projects with UN ECLAC (Cuba); the World Bank (sustainable cities, Egypt); the Technical University of Munich (land management; sustainability transitions); UN-Habitat, Global Land Tool Network (land natural resource management, Eastern and Southern Africa); the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) (land professionals), and the GIZ-funded Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA) programme (climate change, land rights, African development). Sait teaches at LSE on Sustainable Development (GY121) and Global Environmental Governance (GY327), has previously taught at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Sait's interests lie in rethinking contemporary development theory and practice, research methods, and pedagogy, particularly in relation to critical resource geography and resource-led development.

PROFILE

PhD Candidate in Economic Geography 09/2020 – 12/2025

Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

- Thesis Title: *Epistemic Decolonisation, African Minerals, and Critical Resource Geography: Implications for African Development Theory and Practice* (submitted 30 September 2025)
- Thesis focus on knowledge production and debates related to African mining and development (with Namibia fieldwork, 70 interviews with government, industry, civil society, academia, and local communities)
- Supervisors: Dr. Richard Perkins and Prof. Claire Mercer
- Teaching: LSE Graduate Teaching Assistant 2025/26 for GY121: Sustainable Development (with Dr. Julia Corwin) & GY327: Global Environmental Governance (with Dr. Muna Dajani).

Research Fellow, UEL Noon Centre, University of East London 09/2020 – Present

Royal Docks School of Business and Law, University of East London (UEL)

- Teaching contributions on the MBA and IBM MSc. programmes, on international business and sustainable development (2022-2023); supervising postgraduate research students.
- Research Fellow, UEL Noon Centre (September 2020 – Present): External Advisory role focused on bid development, external collaborations, and forward planning with relation to key priorities of the Noon Centre including on international development practice (with Prof. Shampa Roy-Mukherjee, RDSBL Vice-Dean)

Member, Academic & Training Cluster, Global Land Tool Network/UN-Habitat 09/2018 – Present

- Research projects, collaborations, and knowledge exchange on land, gender, human rights, climate change, and development practice, connected with UN-Habitat, Arab Land Initiative (ALI), and GIZ-funded Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA) programme, and International Federation of Surveyors (FIG). Attended UN/World Bank/African Union conferences representing GLTN.

SOAS-QFC Fellow, Centre for Law, Environment and Development 02/2025 – 08/2025

College of Law, Anthropology & Politics, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

- Invited research fellow at the Centre for Law, Environment and Development at SOAS, University of London, funded by the Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) Authority (supported by Prof. Mashood Baderin).
- Focus on ethical finance and economic development in Africa and the Middle East.

Visiting Research Fellow, Namibia University of Science and Technology 09/2023 – Present

Institute for Land, Livelihoods, and Housing (IHHS), Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST)

- Completed period of field research at NUST; conducted 70 interviews with stakeholders from government, civil society, academia/research, professionals, industry, and local community (Uis, Erongo region)
- Op-Ed on 'Critical Minerals for African Development' published in Namibia's New Era Newspaper (28 September 2023, available online [here](#)).
- Presented at colloquium on mining sector governance in Namibia (11 October 2023) hosted by Prof. Harmony Musiyarira, Prof. Mallikarjun Pillalamarry and Prof. Eugene Chigbu (programme available [here](#)).

EDUCATION

MSc. in Local Economic Development

09/2018 – 09/2019

Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

- Accredited by the UK Institute for Economic Development
- Degree awarded with Distinction (70% - graduating class of 50 students)
- Dissertation: *Operationalising Local Economic Development through the New Urban Agenda; the case of Monrovia, Liberia* (funded by the LSE Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa, supported by the National Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity International). Awarded LSE Africa Best Dissertation Prize 2018-19.
- Review of Cities Alliance-led Liberia Country Programme with focus on economic transition, post-disaster recovery, post-conflict, and climate change, with emphasis on local economic development policy

BSc. in Urban Planning, Design and Management

09/2015 – 06/2018

Bartlett School of Planning (BSP), Faculty of the Built Environment, University College London (UCL)

- Accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
- Received First Class BSc. (Hons) degree (75% - graduating class of 50 students)
- Departmental Prize(s) for outstanding academic achievement 2015-16 and 2016-17
- BSP student advocate award 2017-18 given by Six Pump Court Chambers
- BSP Expo 2016-17: Proposals: Glasgow, The Environmentally Just Post-Industrial City.

Erasmus+ Exchange (Semester Abroad): Social Sciences and Urban Studies

01/2017 – 06/2017

Department of Human Geography, Planning and International Development, University of Amsterdam (UvA)

- Competitive Erasmus scholarship award towards study in the Netherlands.
- Academic performance at UvA cited in the letter of award for Departmental Prize 2016-17
- Focus on governance, environmental sustainability, and international development practice; specifically linked to climate change and sustainable development policy

PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE & ACADEMIC SERVICE

Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA), Department of Geography & Environment, LSE: GY103 – Contemporary Europe (Michaelmas Term, 2022-23): teaching first year students, weekly seminars on international business, trade, and political economy of Europe (approx. 50 students), plus marking scripts.

Coordinator, GY500: Economic Geography Cluster PhD research seminar series (2021-22/2022-23): both administrative and substantive role in managing and co-chairing weekly PhD seminars both online and in-person including managing student queries, coordinating staff and guest lecturers.

Part-Time Lecturer, Royal Docks School of Business & Law, University of East London: MK7040 –Marketing in the Digital Age and CSR (Summer Term 2022/23): lecturer and seminar tutor for weekly lectures and seminars (approximately 200 students), plus marking scripts & postgraduate dissertation supervisor at postgraduate level in international business, marketing, and corporate social responsibility, and sustainable development.

Occasional Research Assistant, Department of Geography & Environment, LSE (May 2021 – September 2022), Supporting various projects on local economic development, science, technology, innovation policy, education systems and foreign direct investment and sustainability.

Guest Lecturer/Contributor, Technical University of Munich, Namibia University of Science and Technology (2017 – 2025) Invited contributor and guest lecturer at TUM presenting current and novel research based on project work at postgraduate and undergraduate level, as well as leading seminar discussions.

SELECT PROJECTS (2017 – PRESENT)

Lead Researcher, Mining for Critical Minerals and African development (September 2020 – Present);

- LSE PhD research project on mining sector governance using the perspective of multi-stakeholder governance and critical resource geography to understand development dynamics and trajectories.
- Connecting dimensions of development theory, colonial mining history, conflict dynamics, and contemporary resource policy across African countries, with a particular focus on in Namibia (PhD fieldwork).

SOAS-QFC Fellow, SOAS, University of London; funded by Qatar Financial Centre (February – August 2025)

- Focus on ethical finance practices and economic development in Africa and the Middle East, based at the Centre for Law, Environment and Development (with Prof. Mashood Baderin).

Researcher, Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) Project on “Transforming Land Rights And Climate Justice Through A Women-Led Renegotiated New Social Contract” (October 2023 – May 2024);

- Part of core team consisting of ANGOC, GLTN, Huairou Commission, NUST UEL, UN-Habitat, successfully delivered 2-day EGM in Manila, Philippines, and acted as overall conference rapporteur.
- Helped to design the Quezon City Framework for a New Social Contract on Land Rights and Climate Justice adopted by GLTN Partners on 1st March 2024.

Consultant, GFA Consulting Group GmbH, GIZ-funded Global Programme Responsible Land Policy (GPRLP)

- Prepared background document for special session on land rights & climate change for ‘Strengthening land governance actors & networks - knowledge exchange and capacity development with focus on Civil Society’

Research Assistant, Project on Cambodia’s policy framework for FDI (January – April 2024);

- Conducted background literature review and provided editorial assistance for project report on FDI Policy in Cambodia for Government of Cambodia (with Prof. Simona Iammarino).

Resource Designer, LSE Online: Sustainability: Environment, Economy and Society (August – September 2022);

- Supported the design and content creation for modules part of the LSE online certificate course (MOOC) on sustainability transitions and development (with Dr. Richard Perkins).

Consultant, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: “Support for the development of an Integrated National Financing Framework for the SDGs in Cuba” (October 2021 – April 2022);

- Part of consultancy team on FDI, trade, public investment, and innovation in Cuba; focusing on reviewing economic development strategies based on international best practice.

External Consultant, World Bank Egypt: Sustainable Cities Platform (January – March 2022);

- Pre-project planning for Egypt Sustainable Cities Review (due 2023-24), forming part of internal team responsible for development of project concept note (PCN) including analytical framework, approach, and thematic focal points; included attending virtual expert group meeting with leading Egyptian academics.

Lead Researcher, Land, Land Rights and Climate Change: Scoping Study (July – August 2021);

- Led NUST/UEL scoping study into relationship between land, land rights and climate change to support and underpin the development of GLTN land tool(s) and interventions.

Research Assistant, LSE Geography & Environment, Conflict Minerals Project (September – December 2020);

- Supported LSE-BGS team in ESRC bid on critical and conflict minerals, security and development Aligned with (then) emerging UK Critical Minerals Strategy (with Prof. Simona Iammarino and Dr. Richard Perkins).

Research Assistant, LSE Middle East Centre, Promoting R&D Investment in Kuwait, (May – August 2020);

- Led research review into education systems in GCC countries, especially Kuwait, as part of project on promoting R&D investment in Kuwait, and promoting economic diversification away from oil and natural resource wealth (with Prof. Simona Iammarino and Prof. Neil Lee).

Consultant Analyst, BuroHappold, Global Cities Team, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (December 2019 – August 2020);

- Full-time graduate consultant role based in London and Riyadh; Led review of strategic national and international frameworks and benchmarks on sustainable development and urban regeneration in Central Riyadh, design of key performance indicators, local census, and other priority interventions.
- Projects with Central Riyadh Regeneration Project; Urban Improvement in Saudi Cities; Outdoor Advertising Project (as well as advisor Abha Downtown and Riyadh Hub); Bid Development
- Clients: Central Arriyadh Development Company; Royal Commission for Riyadh City; Ministry for Municipal and Rural Affairs (MoMRA); Others.

Researcher, Cities Alliance-led Liberia Country Programme (December 2018 – July 2019);

- Review of the Cities Alliance-led Liberia Country Programme, interviewing government agencies and ministries, private sector, civil society, international organisations, donors, and slum communities, focusing on post-conflict, post-disaster recovery and local economic development strategies.
- Hosted by Habitat for Humanity International (HfHI); Liberian National Housing Authority (NHA).

Project Co-Editor, Land and natural resource tenure in select countries of Eastern and Southern Africa (September 2017 – April 2019)

- Project supported by UN-Habitat, GLTN, African Association of Planning Schools (AAPS) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

- Report focused on land and natural resource tenure and governance across Sub-Saharan African; Synthesis report on land and natural resource tenure regimes in 16 eastern and southern African countries,
- Full report launched at the FIG Working Week in Hanoi, Vietnam 22-26 April 2019.

Researcher, Review of the Mayor of London's Draft Housing Strategy, (September 2017 – April 2018)

- Review of the Mayor of London's (then) draft housing strategy for Just Space (UK Community Planning Association) from the perspective of local community actors; delivered keynote speech at the Just Space conference 24 October 2017.

Lead Researcher, Renewable energy as an under-utilised resource in Cities Project (June 2017 – January 2019)

- Visiting researcher on energy governance at the Centre for Land, Water and Environmental Risk Management at the Technical University of Munich (TUM)
- Presented findings at seminar on 13 July 2017; associated research presented at the World Bank (2018) and peer reviewed article on German and British Sustainable Energy Transitions published December 2018; project funded by the UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC).

CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS (2018 – PRESENT)

1. *Participant, British Institute in East Africa (BIEA) workshop (10 October 2025) on 'Digital Methodologies for Researching Africa'* (including presentation on decolonising digital methodologies).
2. *Co-Organiser, Series of ongoing workshops on effective techniques in international business negotiations (September 2025, January 2026, for Executive MBA), including special session on 'The Global Race for Critical Minerals: Negotiating a Deal with the Government of Namibia' (with A. Vaduva and Sait, M.S.)*
3. *Participant GIZ-SLGA Closing Workshop on 5–6 August in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (representing GLTN at the GIZ Programme "Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA))"*
4. *Speaker, World Bank Land Conference 2025 (5-8 May 2025), Washington, D.C.; Invited Speaker for Special Session on "Securing Land for Climate Action in Africa: Ideas, Concepts and Experiences" (with GIZ, NUST, NELGA, FIG, YILA, UEL); Presenting on global learnings on African and global land governance.*
5. *Secretariat, Model United Nations (6 March 2025) Special Session Health, Livelihoods & Development in South Asia pursuant to the Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027), Hosted at Committee Room 12, House of Commons, Palace of Westminster (organised by Noon Centre, UEL; session closed by Sir Stephen Timms, MP, Minister of State).*
6. *Presenter, 3rd Arab Land Conference: Land solutions for investments, resilience and innovation (18-20 February 2025), conference organised by the Arab Land Initiative, hosted by Government of Morocco.*
7. *Delegate, World Urban Forum 12, It all starts at home: Local actions for sustainable cities and communities (4-8 November 2024) organised by UN-Habitat; Represented the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) at the Habitat Professionals Forum (HPF), and assisted member of UN WUF Advisory Group in preparation of 'the Cairo Call for Action'; assisted organising events on the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2026-2029, Youth Decision-making for Healthy and Sustainable Cities, and Civil Society Roundtable.*
8. *Participant, 2nd International NELGA North Africa International Knowledge Forum (25-27 September 2024); Geo-Intelligence: Smart Land Governance for Resilient Territories, Rabat, Morocco.*
9. *Lead Presenter, Global Programme Responsible Land Policy (GPRLP) (22 August 2024); Invited Speaker for GIZ-funded programme Knowledge Streams Live Session on 'Implementing responsible land policy in the context of climate change in Africa – Key themes and Issues' (with GFA Consulting Group GmbH).*
10. *Speaker, World Bank Land Conference 2024: Securing Land Tenure and Access for Climate Action (13-17 May 2024), Washington, D.C.; Special Session on 'Transforming Land Rights and Climate Justice Through Women-Led Renegotiated Social Contract' (with ANGOC, GLTN, HC, NUST UEL, UN-Habitat).*
11. *Presenter, Annual LSE Human Geography Work-in-Progress Seminar (1-3 May 2024); Presented doctoral field research on 'Critical Raw Materials and the State-Resource Nexus: State Power, (Geo)Politics, and Extraction in Namibia's Mining Sector' (with inputs from Prof. Claire Mercer and Dr. Richard Perkins).*
12. *Secretariat, Model United Nations (6 March 2025) Special Session on 'Meaningful Inclusion of Young People in Health Decision-making (hosted/organised by Noon Centre, UEL; part of NIHR-funded project on youth/health in London Borough of Newham, session closed by Mayor of Newham Rokhsana Fiaz).*

13. *Presenter, 9th Reading International Business Conference 2024* (12-13 April 2024); Parallel Session on International Public-Private Relationships: Context, Opportunities and Performance; Presented conference paper on 'MNEs and the State-Capital Nexus: Reimagining contemporary African capitalism(s) through the case of mining for critical raw materials in Namibia' (Session Chair: Dr. Cristian Luise).
14. *Invited Discussant, Closed-Door Session on China, Global Challenges, and Security, China Dialogue/Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)* (26 March 2024), Roundtable on Just Energy Transitions in LMICs and China's Role. Presented perspectives on UK energy security and African development related to CRMs.
15. *Participant, ASCL Conference: Digging Deeper - Mineral resource extraction in Africa, University of Leiden, Netherlands* (22 March 2024); Invited discussant for workshop on mining and development across Eastern and Southern Africa, with case studies on DRC, Namibia, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and others.
16. *Speaker, EGM on 'Transforming Land Rights And Climate Justice Through A Women-Led Renegotiated New Social Contract', Quezon City, the Philippines* (29 February – 1 March 2024); Presented conference paper on 'Key issues emerging from the GLTN scoping study on land rights and climate change (NUST/UEL)' as part of session on 'Assessing preparedness and coping with the socio-economic impacts of climate change'.
17. *Invited Guest Speaker, LSE Global Africa-China Working Group, LSE-Fudan Policy Hub* (31 January 2024), Presented working paper on Africa-China: 'A Tale of Two Chinas in Africa': Multistakeholder perspectives on Chinese involvement in mining for critical raw materials in Namibia' (with discussants from LSE, Oxford, SOAS, and China Dialogue). Presentation commended by China Dialogue.
18. *Presenter, Third Land Governance and Societal Development Conference* (12-23 December 2023) organised by Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), Shanghai Jiao Tong University (China), and University of Bayreuth (Germany); Presented paper on 'The intersection of global and local in national mining policy implementation and development impacts in Southern Africa'.
19. *Presenter, LSE Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa (FLIA) Africa Research Day* (22 November 2023), Fawcett House 9th Floor, Room 9.04, WC2A 2AZ; Presented paper on 'Mining for Critical Raw Materials in Africa: Understanding mining policy implementation for sustainable local economic development in Namibia.' (Session chaired by LSE Prof. Tim Allen). Recipient of Joint Best Overall Research Presentation.
20. *Panel Speaker, Beyond Oil: Refuelling Transformation Conference, University of Bergen, Norway* (17-18 October 2023), organised by the Centre for Climate and Energy Transformation (CET); Presented conference paper on 'Critical Raw Materials in the 'Age of Decarbonisation': How local dynamics affect the trajectories of oil, natural gas and mining sectors in select African countries' (Panel discuss with Prof. Gavin Bridge).
21. *Presenter, Colloquium on Mining Sector Governance in Namibia, LSE-NUST Special Event* (11 October 2023); Presented on 'Mining for Critical Raw Materials in Namibia: Preliminary findings on multi-stakeholder governance and policy for local economic development'. Session attended by over 40 local stakeholders as validation workshop on mining for CRMs and African development.
22. *Participant, The 29th Colloquium of African Geology, Windhoek, Namibia* (26-29 September 2023); Invited to attend special sessions on mining and critical minerals in Namibia by the Namibian Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME), the Geological Survey of Namibia (GSN), and Chamber of Mines of Namibia (CMN).
23. *Participant, UN-Habitat Assembly and Global Stakeholders' Forum* (3-9 June 2023), Representing Mazaringa Institute, Egypt (affiliated with Habitat International Coalition); Participant and rapporteur, attended sessions related to multi-stakeholder engagement/UN-Habitat strategic priorities including local economic development.
24. *Presenter, World Ecocities Summit, London, UK* (6-8 June 2023), Invited paper presentation on 'Overcoming the 'Dark of Innovation' for Healthy Ecosystems and Equitable Development in Namibia' (co-authored with Prof. E.U. Chigbu, NUST), Paper on sustainable development strategies in African extractive industries.
25. *Participant, Annual Academy of African Business and Development (AABD) Conference* (16-20 May 2023), hosted by University of East London, UK; Conference theme: Industry 4.0, Dynamic Global Business Environment, and Sustainable Development in Africa.
26. *Participant, International Business Masterclasses: International Business, Development and Policy* (29-31 March 2023), organised by Henley Business School, University of Reading; focus on international business policy linked to human rights due diligence, supply chain management (Chair: Prof. Rajneesh Narula).

27. *Presenter, EU-SPRI Innovation Studies Conference (PhD Days) – Addressing Old and New Social Challenges: Knowledge, Policies, Inclusion (8-10 February 2023)*, organised by Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV-INGENIO); Presented research on ‘Critical Raw Materials and the ‘Dark Side of Innovation’: Addressing the economic and societal challenges arising from artisanal and small-scale mining’.
28. *Presenter, Second International Conference on Land Governance and Societal Development (8-9 November 2022)*; organised by Hanns Sidel Foundation; Namibia University of Science and Technology; Presented preliminary research on CRMs and African development (Namibia rationale).
29. *Delegate, Workshop: Mainstreaming the GLTN teaching essentials for land administration (8-9 November 2022)*; organised by GIZ and NUST; Attended workshop on the work of the Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA) Southern Africa Node on land teaching essentials.
30. *Delegate, World Urban Forum 11, Transforming our cities for a better urban future (26-30 June 2022)* organised by UN-Habitat; Rapporteur for the High-Level Parliamentarians Roundtable Session on Developing and Implementing Sustainable Urban Development policies.
31. *Participant, Expert Group Meeting (Series) on Global Production Systems: exploring the role of the SDGs (September 2020 – June 2021)* organised by University of Southern Denmark; Presented research on technological change and critical raw materials: the dark side of innovation and its implications for Africa (co-authored handbook chapter with Prof. Simona Iammarino).
32. *Participant, Land-based Finance Learning Sessions, Expert Group Meeting (Series) (2020 – Present)*, organised by UN-Habitat; Global Land Tool Network (GLTN); global expertise on land-based financing.
33. *Participant, The Dark Sides of Innovation: PhD short course (21-25 September 2020)*, organised by Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture (TIK), University of Oslo; Participated in PhD-level seminar series on technological change and responsible innovation.
34. *High level Panel Speaker, World Urban Forum 10, Cities of opportunities - Connecting Culture and Innovation, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (8-13 February 2020)*, Contributed to the Second Segment of the Youth and the Decade of Action high-level panel Discussion Topic: ‘How to create age-responsive cities in the next UN decade of action?’.
35. *Rapporteur, Network of Excellence in Land Governance in Africa (NELGA), Expert Group Meeting held at Hassan II University, Rabat, Morocco (28-30 October 2019)*, organised by GIZ, GLTN, UN-Habitat, and the Arab Land Initiative; Prepared conference report for the high-level NELGA partners meeting on land governance in 6 North African countries from Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Sudan, Mauritania, and Egypt.
36. *Session Speaker, Annual World Association for Sustainable Development (WASD) Conference (17-19 June 2019)*, held at International Maritime Organization, London, United Kingdom; hosted by United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and WASD; Discussion Topic: How to foster sustainable and inclusive development through local and regional approaches in Africa.
37. *Panel Speaker, Annual LANDac Conference on Land Governance and (Im-)Mobility (June 2018)*, hosted by Utrecht University, the Netherlands; Contributed to high level panel on land-based financing with lessons from India and China (Panel discussion with ITC Prof. Jaap Zevenbergen and Jean Du Plusses, GLTN).
38. *Speaker, World Bank Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty, Washington D.C. (19-23 March 2018)*; Contributed poster presentation on the ‘Linkages between land tenure and renewable energy systems: implications for urban governance in the global south’ (part of project on sustainable energy transitions with Prof. Eugene Chigbu, TUM).

OTHER ROLES

Convener, LSE-UCL Urban Development PhD group (under Dr. Romala Sanyal), emerging doctoral research group focusing on interdisciplinary research practice from UCL (DPU/Bartlett) and LSE G&E (concept note drafted, workshops with UCL/LSE Grant funding, tbc).

Research Fellow, Noon Centre for Equality and Diversity, University of East London (September 2020 – Present): External Advisory role focused on bid development, external collaborations, and forward planning with relation to key priorities of the Noon Centre.

Intern, Richard Max and Co. Solicitors (May – June 2018), Graduate Internship with specialist planning law firm, based in Chancery Lane, London, UK; Reviewing case law on compulsory purchase, real estate, housing, and transport, and urban development with local and global implications.

Consulting Researcher, Technical University of Munich (TUM), (August – September 2017), Reviewing TUM training package on approaches to land management; Massive Online Open Course (MOOC). Available at: <https://www.edx.org/course/introduction-to-land-management>.

Features Editor/Politics Contributor, Pi Media Society and Magazine, UCL (September 2015 – September 2017); Section editor dealing with a dozen writers; publication of online and magazine articles; Pi Media online and Pi Magazine on Corbyn's Labour Party; Student Politics; UCL's Cut the Rent Campaign; and Fidel Castro, and the Freedom House Index.

Researcher, State Government of Tamil Nadu, India (August 2016), Authored report on 2023 Development Vision, infrastructure investment and economic development policy in Tamil Nadu, South India. Submitted to state government officials as policy report.

Youth Delegate, World Urban Forum (2012 – 2014); Participant at the Youth Assembly, UN-Habitat summit on sustainable urbanisation: WUF6 held in Naples, Italy (1-5/09/2012) and WU7 held in Medellin, Columbia (5-11/04/2014), focus on youth and sustainable urbanisation, youth-friendly cities.

Intern, Muungano Support Trust MUST Kenya (August 2013) NGO affiliated with Slum Dwellers International, based in Nairobi, Kenya; Interviewed by BBC Radio Essex on informal settlements, slum upgrading, and sustainable urbanisation and development in Kenya (focus on Mathare and Kibera slums).

Young Leader and Scout, 4th Poplar Scout Group (2008 – 2015); Represented the Scouting Association at the annual party-political conferences, influencing youth policy ahead of the Scottish Independence Referendum and 2015 general election; Received Jack Petchey Award for Leadership, East London Scout District (07/11/2013).

GCSEs and A-levels, West Hatch High School (WHHS), Chigwell, Essex, UK (09/2011 – 06/2015) A-levels in History, English Literature, Economics, AS Maths, and Extended Project Qualification on Arab Spring in Egypt, Turkey, & Syria; Shakespeare Drama Grade 6 with Distinction*, Trinity Guildhall, Barbican.

PUBLICATIONS

Sait (2025). *Epistemic Decolonisation, African Minerals, and Critical Resource Geography: Implications for African Development Theory and Practice*, PhD Thesis, Department of Geography & Environment, LSE.

Conference & Working Papers

2025 - Cultural Resilience, Youth, and Housing, Land and Property Rights during Urban Crisis: Evidence from Egypt, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia, *Arab Land Conference* (with S. Sait, H. Khalil & M. El-Ayachi)

2024 - MNEs and the State-Capital Nexus: Reimagining contemporary African capitalism(s) through the case of mining for critical raw materials in Namibia, *Henley Business School, University of Reading***

2024 - A Tale of Two Chinas in Africa: Multistakeholder perspectives on Chinese involvement in mining for critical raw materials in Namibia, *LSE Global Africa-China Working Group, LSE-Fudan Policy Hub***

2023 - The intersection of global and local in national mining policy implementation and development impacts in Southern Africa, *Namibia University of Science and Technology, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and University of Bayreuth***

2023 - Mining for Critical Raw Materials in Africa: Understanding mining policy implementation for sustainable local economic development in Namibia, *LSE Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa***

2023 - Critical Raw Materials in the 'Age of Decarbonisation': How local dynamics affect the trajectories of oil, natural gas and mining sectors in select African countries, *CET, University of Bergen***

2023 - Mining for Critical Raw Materials in Namibia: Preliminary findings on multi-stakeholder governance and policy for local economic development, *Namibia University of Science and Technology***

Publications

Iammarino, S., and Sait, M.A. (2025). "Critical raw materials, technological change, and the Sustainable Development Goals", (pp.79-96) In Vang, J., Balslev, H., Bille, A., Brambini, A., and Masi, D., (Eds.) *Handbook of Grand Challenges in Global Production and Innovation Networks*, Edward Elgar Publishing: Cheltenham, UK; <https://www.elgaronline.com/edcollchap/book/9781035346516/chapter5.xml>

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