

PROFILE

Urban scholar and Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA), using a transdisciplinary approach to investigate urban place-making through urban infrastructures, governance, policies and especially citizen-led urban practices. I use ethnographic methods to analyze the urban phenomenon in the Global South, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa. My teaching philosophy centers on fostering critical thinking, experiential, relational, and reflexive pedagogies, drawing directly from my research to engage students with pressing global challenges in urban studies, human geography, environmental politics, and African studies. I am dedicated to employing evidence-based pedagogical practices to cultivate critical thinking, strong research skills, and a commitment to student-centered initiatives. My most recent research project is on urban place-making and urban masculinities in the Republic of Benin. It is connected to a desire for comparative research across geographies, mobilizing student's engagement creatively. My other research interests include African History, African Religion, Citizen Participation and Environmental Politics.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**GY202 Introduction to Global Development, LSE****2023-2024**

- Managed and advised 50 undergraduate students of diverse backgrounds
- Developed interactive activities to enhance student engagement with core theories
- Prepared and authored class materials and activities
- Provided over 40 office hours individualized academic support and mentorship, contributing to student success
- Marked nearly 50 essays of nearly 5000 words and provided constructive, rubric-aligned feedback to foster analytical writing skills
- Provided insight on dissertation questions and objectives
- Guided over 40 students in refining research questions and developing feasible research designs
- Facilitated dynamic discussions and problem-solving sessions

Master's and Undergraduate Dissertation Sessions, LSE**2023, 2024, 2025**

- Attended different master's and undergraduate dissertation support sessions
- Provided advice and comments to over 30 students on ethnographic and qualitative research methods
- Actively participated in and contributed to faculty-led dissertation support sessions, offering insights on research best practices and academic expectations
- Guided over 20 students in refining research questions and developing feasible research designs

TEACHING INTEREST

I would be delighted to be given the opportunity to teach courses at undergraduate and postgraduate taught level such as: Urban Futures; Human Geography: Society, Power and Culture; Spaces of Urbanisation in Emerging Economies and Sustainable Development ; Geographical Research Skills for BA Geography or Spaces of neoliberalism and inequalities. I attended multiple workshops on teaching skills and strategies. These help me receive positive student's feedback (4/5) during my teaching terms especially about my communication of ideas and concepts, and the comments I provided for exams.

EDUCATION**PhD defended in Human Geography and Urban Studies, LSE****2020-2025**

Thesis Title: A Street Called "Hope": Urban Masculinities and Place-Making in Benin's Age of Revelation.

Supervisors: Prof. Claire Mercer and Dr. Ryan Centner

Master's in Global Environmental Politics, American University Washington D.C.**2015-2017**

GPA: 3.71

Research Paper Title: “The Sustainable Development Goals and Waste Management in Africa: Case of Benin”
 Courses included: Urban political ecology, Global environmental policy analysis, Political Ecology of Waste, Project Management.
 Supervisor: Dr. Adam Diamond

Bachelor’s in Public Administration, Diplomacy, and International Relations **2009-2013**

Overall grade 14/20

Dissertation defense 16/20

Courses included: Law (Public, Private, International), Statistics, Administration Ethics and Practices, History of International Relations, Diplomacy Applied Writing.

Dissertation title: “De Rio à Rio+20 : Quel Bilan pour le Bénin ?”

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| • Urban Studies Foundation Seminar Series Award (£ 25000) | 2025-Present |
| • LSE Postgraduate Conference Fund (£ 1700) | 2022, 2024 |
| • LSE Knowledge Exchange Impact Fund (£ 5000) | 2024 |
| • LSE Studentship Maintenance (£ 80000) | 2020-Present |
| • LSE Tuition fees (£ 80544) | 2020-Present |
| • Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund award (US\$ 9826) | 2022 |
| • USA Ambassador’s Self Help Fund For Environmental Education (US\$ 6000) | 2018 |
| • SIS Deans/Fulbright Award (US\$ 42728) | 2015-2017 |
| • Fulbright Maintenance (US\$ 44880) | 2015-2017 |
| • Beninese National Scholarship Tuition fees (€ 1220) | 2009-2012 |
| • Beninese National Scholarship Maintenance fees (€ 1220) | 2009-2012 |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Urban Studies Foundation Seminar Series (Co-PI) **2025-Present**

- Contributed to collaborative seminar funding proposal
- Co-developed detailed academic programmes and workshop curricula with project team
- Participated in team-based financial analysis and budget planning for seminar delivery
- Supported stakeholder outreach and participant recruitment initiatives as part of organizing committee and secured £ 25000
- Facilitated institutional partnership between organizations in Benin and international institutions

LSE KEI Workshop Organizer, LSE/CiAAF, Republic of Benin **2024-2025**

- Secured £5000 to conduct a collaborative workshop for the current PhD project in Benin
- Prepared a partnership between the LSE and the Civic Academic for Africa’s Future
- Liaised with over 70 participants and stakeholders
- Guided and coordinated the workshop’s implementation
- Provided a policy brief for urban planners and workshop participants on urbanization practices
- Drafted and commissioned the creation of a digital platform for citizen consultation and participation.

Research Assistant, Gtechnologies, Republic of Benin **2022-2023**

- Synthesized academic literature on e-waste management from diverse geographical contexts (Benin, Africa, Global) to identify research gaps and inform strategic planning
- Prepared a research proposal for the study of household e-waste management practice in Benin
- Directed a team of 3 for the study of more than 2400 households’ e-waste management practices
- Managed data collection and analysis for 2400 households
- Demonstrated team leadership and mentorship skills, directly overseeing over 12 individuals in project execution

Project Co-Lead, Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund for U.S. Alumni, US Department of State 2022
Mbeiri, Imo State, Nigeria

- Assessed the submission of an application securing **US 9826 \$**
- Coordinated the conception of a farming training program that impacted over 100 farmers on regenerative agriculture practices

Executive Director, SANUS NGO, Republic of Benin 2014-2021 (Full-time)
2021 – Present (Flexible)

- Co-organized and secured **US 6000\$** from the US Embassy in Benin for the implementation of an environmental education project called **Educ’Envir**
- Demonstrated team leadership and mentorship skills, overseeing over 10 individuals in project execution
- Trained over 40 people in composting
- Planted over 200 trees in Abomey-Calavi Municipality
- Co-supervised four different local projects : Diner Découverte Gastro-Culture (Culture), Minonkpo (Social Support), Espace d’Ecoute (Mental health), SANUS Biblio (Education)
- Recruited and co-managed a team of five project members, and seven volunteers

Civic Academy for Africa’s Future, CiAAF, Republic of Benin 2018-2021 (Part-time)
2021 – Present (Flexible)

- Member of the Research Group on Agriculture, Environment and Climate (GRAEC)
- Collaborated on research grant proposals
- Assisted the administrative and research life of the think tank
- Facilitated and influenced the methodological workshop of the RESIDEMO pilot study
- Translated and revised documents from French to English (Iwaju Africa Call for Papers)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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| • USF Seminar Series, Tallinn, Cotonou, London | 2025-2026 |
| • European Conference of African Studies, Prague | 2025 |
| • Seeing the city of Calavi, KEI-CiAAF, Cotonou | 2024 |
| • Making Africa Urban, UCL, London | 2024 |
| • Transcalar Urbanism, UCL, London | 2024 |
| • FLIA Africa PhD Research Day, LSE | 2024 |
| • Tangles: Dialogues on the Politics, Spirits and Technics of Urban Inhabitation, Sheffield | 2023 |
| • RGS-IBG Postgraduate Forum, London | 2023 |
| • RC21-IJURR Doctoral School | 2022 |
| • Université Libre de Bruxelles, État et Société dans le Bénin d’aujourd’hui, Belgium | 2022 |
| • FLIA Africa PhD Research Day, LSE | 2022 |

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- Emmanuel Awohouedji. February 2025. *Participation citoyenne et urbanisation à Abomey-Calavi, République du Bénin*. Policy Brief. Civic Academy for Africa’s Future (CiAAF) & London School of Economics and Political Science.
- Emmanuel Awohouedji. 14 January 2020. *Le mystère humain de la vente ambulante et au bord des voies ou comment les boursouffures de l’économie durent dans le temps*. <https://goodpeopleingoodplaces.home.blog/2020/01/14/le-mystere-humain-de-la-vente-ambulante-et-au-bord-des-voies-ou-comment-les-saillies-de-leconomie-durent-dans-le-temps/>.
- Emmanuel Awohouedji. 5 February 2020. *Loving the past, losing the present, wasting the future or the environmental paradox of wants and desires*. <https://goodpeopleingoodplaces.home.blog/2020/02/05/loving-the-past-loosing-the-present-wasting-the-future-or-the-environmental-paradox-of-wants-and-desires/>.

- Emmanuel Awohouedji. 4 July 2020. *Politiques environnementales et Villes vertes: le Vrai du Faux*. <https://goodpeopleingoodplaces.home.blog/2020/07/04/politiques-environnementales-et-villes-vertes-le-vrai-du-faux/>.
- Emmanuel Awohouedji. *Tying a New Rope to an Old One: Developing an Environmental Education Curriculum in Benin*. 2019. <https://www.situatedupe.net/author/emmanuelatsupe/>.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OUTREACH

The Connection at St-Martin-in-the-Fields (CSTM), London, UK **October 2021-December 2021**

- IT and Digital Inclusion Volunteer
- Provided digital literacy support to 20+ individuals experiencing homelessness, enhancing their access to online resources

Our Lady and Immaculate Conception, Canada Water, London, UK **February 2023-April 2024**

- Volunteer Choir Member
- Assisted with planning religious celebrations and fundraising activities
- Contributed to community engagement through various events

Our Lady and St Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church, Bow, UK **September 2024-July 2025**

- Demonstrated strong organizational skills and teamwork through volunteering
- Assisted with planning religious celebrations and fundraising activities
- Led the Bass Section of the Choir
- Participated in weekly rehearsals and collaborated on various musical works
- Contributed to community engagement through different events

LSE Catholic Student Organization, London, UK **October 2021-December 2021**
February 2023-June 2025

- Choir Member and Temporary Music Director
- Assisted with planning religious celebrations
- Contributed to community engagement, social support and religious life

American University, Washington D.C., USA **2015-2017**

- AU Choir Ensemble Member
- Student representative and member of the student senate of the School of International Service (SIS)
- Volunteered with homeless outreach initiatives

St Josephine Bakhita's Catholic Church, Abomey-Calavi, Republic of Benin **2013-2016 (2022-Present)**

- Choir Member and Leader
- Participated in weekly rehearsals and collaborated on diverse musical pieces
- Led the Bass Section of the Choir
- Co-wrote the bylaws of the English speaking Community
- Member and leader of the Jeunesse Étudiante Catholique (JEC)
- Organized various outreach and community events

IT SKILLS

- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint)
- Microsoft Teams
- Zoom
- NVivo
- Qualtrics / Canva
- R (In Progress)
- WordPress
- Moodle