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Academics

PROF. MAHA ABDELRAHMAN



A Crisis Like No Other? (2022). COVID-19, Capitalism and the Politics of Crisis Narratives, Volume 53, Issue 6.

The issue takes the pandemic as a lens to revisit the concept of crisis and to examine its relevance as an analytical lens for understanding global capitalism and the way it is organized, and how crisis narratives and discourses, rather than crisis itself, have become central to capitalism and how it functions.

Abdelrahman, M. (2023). Trauma apps and the making of the 'smart' refugee. Environment and Planning D: Society and Space, Online First.

The article examines how a market for mental health apps, designed to help millions of refugees manage symptoms of Post Traumatic Syndrome Disorder and other mental health issues, has proliferated since the outbreak of the so-called refugee crisis in 2015. These bite-size, on-the-go, mindfulness-based apps have emerged at the intersection of new investment models, state-of-the-art AI and surveillance and border control regimes. Conceived of as a more cost-effective approach to refugee mental health care, mental health apps are part of a larger endeavour to create the 'smart' refugee. Self-monitoring, agile, entrepreneurial and resilient in the face of adversity, the smart refugee is expected to emerge as a node in a network of information flow, constantly connected to digital technology, at once receiving and providing real-time data.

From gallons to gigabytes: China's Digital Silk Road and the Arab World

(new blog post for the Project 'Mapping Connections: China and Contemporary Development in the Middle East')

PROF. GRAHAM DENYER WILLIS

Keep the Bones Alive – Missing People and the Search for Life in Brazil (2022).



Every year at least 20,000 people go missing in São Paulo, Brazil. Many will be found, sometimes in mundane mass graves, but thousands will not. This book explores this phenomenon and why there is little concern for those who vanish.

Eating Pizza in Prison: Failing Family Men, Civil Punishment, and the Policing of Whiteness in São Paulo. American Ethnologist, 49(2), 221-233. (2022)

DR JOSTEIN HAUGE



"The Future of the Factory: How Megatrends are Changing Industrialization"

The book provides a novel analysis of how four different 'megatrends' are changing and shaping industrialization, and charts new pathways for industrial policy and global governance. It argues that industrialization remains a cornerstone of economic prosperity, but that power asymmetries in the world economy create uneven opportunities for achieving economic growth, development, and industrialization. The book is scheduled to be published with Oxford University Press in August/September 2023 and is available for pre-order. Alongside the book's release, Dr Hauge has also been invited to talk about his book on The Bunker podcast, one of the UK's most prominent politics podcasts.

Schaefer, S. & Hauge, J. (2023) The muddled governance of state-imposed forced labour: multinational corporations, states, and cotton from China and Uzbekistan, New Political Economy.

The article grapples with how interests of states and multinational corporations involved in forced labour shape private governance outcomes.

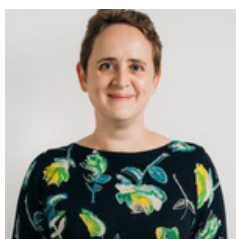
Dr Hauge also contributed to a recently published special issue in Third World Quarterly entitled, "Designing and Negotiating Industrial Policy: Prospects and Challenges for State-led Development in the 21st Century". The special issue has collected research contributions from scholars of industrial policy across the world. Dr Hauge's article in the special issue is entitled "Manufacturing-led development in the digital age: how power trumps technology".

Academics

DR. SARAH LOCKWOOD

Jöst, Prisca, Matthias Krönke, Sarah J. Lockwood, and Ellen Lust. (Forthcoming). A Drivers of Non-Electoral Political Participation: A Drivers of Non-Electoral Political Participation:

The Role of Partisanship, Identity and Incentives in Mobilizing Zambian Citizens. Comparative Political Studies.



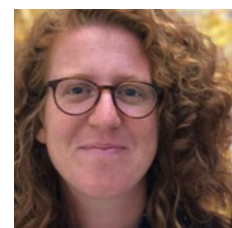
Abstract: Scholars and policymakers widely view identity as a key driver of African citizens' political engagement. In doing so, however, they have emphasized ethnicity and largely sidelined other identities, including gender, local origin, shared residency, and partisanship. In this paper, we explore which identities drive political engagement and why they do so. We employ an original survey experiment that includes various identities and other incentives that may drive citizens' participation around Zambia's 2021 national elections. We find that partisanship most influences individuals' stated willingness to campaign for a candidate or meet with an MP, while ethnicity and social incentives play less significant roles. Finally, we explore the mechanisms underpinning these results and find that citizens anticipate sanctions if they fail to support a co-partisan but not a co-ethnic candidate. These findings have important implications for understanding political engagement and democratic development throughout the region.

Mattes, Robert, Matthias Krönke, and Sarah J. Lockwood. (Forthcoming). South African Parties and the Development of Democracy. In T. Poguntke and W. Hofmeister (Eds.), Political Parties and the Crisis of Democracy. Oxford University Press.

Krönke, Matthias, Sarah J. Lockwood and Robert Mattes (Forthcoming). African Political Parties. In Chima Korieh (Ed.), Oxford Bibliographies in African Studies. Oxford University Press.

DR JOEVA SEAN ROCK

We are not starving: the Struggle for Food Sovereignty in Ghana (2022). Michigan State University Press.



"No One is Talking About Food": Making Agriculture a "Business" in Ghana. (2023.) Agriculture and Human Values.

Beyond the Genome: Lessons Learned from Genetically Modified Crops in Africa and the Implications for Genome Editing (2023). Development and Change 54(1): 117-142 (with M.A. Schnurr, A. Kingiri, D. Glover, G. Stone, A. Ely, and K. Fischer).

Examining the Potential for Genetic Modification and Genome Editing as Climate Adaptation Strategies for Smallholder Farmers. (2022) Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability (with M.A. Schnurr, A. Kingiri, and S. Lieberman).

In August 2022, Dr Rock was awarded a **British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant** (£10,000) to support her research project entitled "Governing Risk: Understanding the Regulation of Genetically Modified Crops in Africa."

Abstract: Erratic weather patterns and a booming population are placing pressure on the global food system. To bolster agricultural production in Africa, development donors, private industry, and African scientists are collaborating to develop genetically modified- and gene edited- crops. Overseeing these projects are national biosafety regulatory agencies (NBA), who must ensure safe products enter the market. Little is known about how these agencies make decisions. Thus, this project proposes an ethnographic study of the NBA of Ghana to ask: How do African officials understand and determine biosafety? How do socio-cultural understandings of environment, agriculture, and risk influence biosafety regulations?

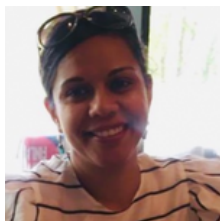


NEWS

Affiliated Lecturers

PRAJAKTI KALRA

Kalra, Prajakti. "The Case for Science Diplomacy in Mongol Eurasia." *Journal of Eurasian Studies* 14, no. 1 (2023): 8–18.



Kalra, Prajakti. Миротворческая сила Евразии в исламском мире. Вестник КазНУ. [Eurasia's Peacemaking Power for Islam] Серия Востоковедения, [S.I.], v. 105, n. 2, p. 71–80, June 2023. ISSN 2617–1864.

Kalra, Prajakti. Brief advisory paper on the Kyrgyz Republic's Digital transformation and e-government. (2023)
(*Advisory papers for Korea International Cooperation Agency KOICA's Kyrgyz Digital Government Roadmap Project*)

Digital Inclusiveness and Poverty Reduction in Key Development Partner Countries in New Northern and New Southern Regions. Contributors: Prajakti Kalra and Siddharth S. Saxena. 2023.
(*Policy Recommendation Report following the completion of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) funded project*)

DR SIDDHARTH (MONTU) SAXENA

Saxena, Siddharth S. "Introduction to Special Issue: Science, Diplomacy and a Case of Institutions in Eurasia." *Journal of Eurasian Studies* 14, no. 1 (2023): 3–7.



Saxena, Siddharth S. Collective action for digital transformation in Central Asia. (2023)
(*Advisory papers for Korea International Cooperation Agency KOICA's Kyrgyz Digital Government Roadmap Project*)

Digital Inclusiveness and Poverty Reduction in Key Development Partner Countries in New Northern and New Southern Regions. Contributors: Prajakti Kalra and Siddharth S. Saxena. 2023.
(*Policy Recommendation Report following the completion of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) funded project*)

PROF. BARRY RIDER

B Rider, K Alexander, St Bazley and J Bryant, *Market Abuse and Insider Dealing* (4th ed, 2022), Bloomsbury.



B Rider (ed and author), *A Research Agenda for Financial Crime*, (2022) Elgar.

B Rider (ed and author), *A Research Agenda for Organised Crime*, (2023) Elgar.

B Rider (ed and author), *A Research Agenda for Economic Crime and Development*, (2023) Elgar.

Senior Researcher

JAQUELINE MEEKS

Meeks, J. G. (2023) Degrees of Comment on Keynes on Uncertainty, Political Economy, Vol 42 (a review article on Anna M. Carabelli's 2021 book, *Uncertainty and Tragic Happiness: Complexity and Expectations*).

Meeks, G., & Meeks, J. (2023) Inefficient Strategies of Serial Acquisition: Glamour, Earnings Management, Financial Engineering and Industrial Concentration.

PhD Students

TAKAHIRO KAMISUNA

Kamisuna, Takahiro. "International origin and development of nationalism: Generational transformation of East Timorese nationalism under Indonesia's occupation (1975–1999)." *Nations and Nationalism* 29. (2023).

Kamisuna, Takahiro. "Nationalism in transition: Construction and transformation of Rai Timor." In Lu Zhouxiang Ed. *The Routledge Handbook of Nationalism in East and Southeast Asia*. Routledge, 2023. 561–575.

DUSTIN BARTER

Barter, D., & Sar. M. (2023) Hydropower Hegemony: Examining Civil Society Opposition to Dams in Cambodia, *The Journal of Development Studies*, 59(7).

Barter, D., & Sumlut, G. M. (2023) The 'conflict paradox': humanitarian access, localisation, and (dis)empowerment in Myanmar, Somalia, and Somaliland, *Disasters*.

SEMINARS

The Centre of Development Studies Seminar Series is broad in scope, focusing on pressing theoretical, empirical, and practical issues in the field of development studies. Attendance is open to the public, although we construct the Series primarily with our MPhil students in mind. Over the years, it has attracted world-leading scholars from across the social sciences; from economics and political science to sociology and anthropology, to name a few. Our seminar series in 2022/2023 was no exception, displaying breadth both with respect to topics and disciplines. Below, you can see a summary of the seminar series in 2022/23, where we have included speaker names and the title of their presentations.

Date	Speaker	Topic
03 Nov 2022	Joeva Sean Rock	We are Not Starving: The Struggle for Food Sovereignty in Ghana (book)
10 Nov 2022	Richmond Juvenile Ehwhi	Urban Governance, Partnership Formation and Citizen Engagement in Africa's New Cities
17 Nov 2022	Ha-Joon Chang	Edible Economics: A Hungry Economist Explains the World (book)
01 Dec 2022	Andy Sumner and Eduardo Ortiz-Juarez	Global Inequality and Global Poverty in the Aftermath of the Pandemic
19 Jan 2023	Brian Dowd-Uribe	The Method in Madness: Explaining Unfounded GM Crop Optimism for Poor Small Farmers in Africa
02 Feb 2023	Graham Denyer Willis, Pedro Mendes Loureiro	The Prison Consensus: Incarceration, Space, and Inequality in Brazil
09 Mar 2023	Tuba Bircan	Ethics of Remote Sensing and Satellite Data for Migration and Humanitarian Response
11 May 2023	Kathryn Hochstetler	Political Economies of Energy Transition: Wind and Solar Power in Brazil and South Africa
18 May 2023	Ingrid Harvold Kvangraven, Surbhi Kesar	Standing in the Way of Rigor: Economics' Meeting with the Decolonization Agenda
25 May 2023	Boram Lee	Silent Networks in the Electoral Spotlight: Activist Coalitions and Diffusion of Global Corporate Norms
08 Jun 2023	Robert Mattes	Mapping State Capacity in Africa: Professionalism and Reach

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26 different countries represented: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, France, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Jamaica, South Korea, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, Sweden, Tunisia, Ukraine, UK, USA

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PHD GRADUATES 2022/23

These following students completed the PhD programme and had their viva outcomes approved by the Degree Committee July 2022 to July 2023.

Sam van Noort	Essays on the Political Economy of Democratization and Democratic Backsliding
Pakkamol Siriwat	Living in Parallel Worlds: Socialization into Patani Malayness and Ethnonationalism among Youth in Thailand's Deep South
Shatanati Kuermanaili	Nature, Nurture and Values in Development: Water as a Resource in Central Asia (Kazakhstan)
Nikita Makarchev	To what extent and how has the behaviour of SOEs in China and Russia changed under evolving government-SOE relations?
Maria Hengeveld	Girl. Incorporated. Corporate Empowerment Programmes for Women Workers: What Drives them and Who Benefits?
Laura Isabel Estevez	A Humanist Perspective on Economic Policy: Ecuador's Economic Reforms and Industrial Policy, 2007-2017
Georges Quist	Africa's National Development Banks: Lessons from Côte d'Ivoire and Rwanda

New Staff

Two members of the academic team joined the Centre of Development Studies for the academic year 2022/23.



**Dr. Niyousha
Bastani**
Assistant
Professor

Niyousha's primary research focus has looked at psychological and educational approaches to counter-extremism. Her overlapping research interests include the colonial histories of psychology, the politics of race, anti-Muslim racism (especially in the UK), education, liberalism, and the political thought of Sylvia Wynter. Her most recent research interest is in global usages of psychology for anti-imperial resistance, especially in Iran in the 1960s–80s. She is also interested in the uses of digital technologies for political rule, especially in the UK, and has contributed to collective research on this topic for the group No Tech for Tyrants.

She holds previous degrees from McGill University and the University of Cambridge. Her doctoral research is funded by the Cambridge International Trust, St John's College (Cambridge), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship. She was previously Editor in Chief at the Cambridge Review of International Affairs.



**Dr. Tamara
Wattnem**
Assistant
Professor

Tamara Wattnem's research focuses on the politics and implications of the deepening of extractivism in Latin America – particularly industrial agriculture, mining, and hydrocarbon extraction. She is currently engaged in two interrelated projects. The first analyzes the distinct trajectories of energy and mining policy throughout Mexico's neoliberal era, with special attention to the role and reach of resource nationalism. The second project focuses on how and when the International Labor Organization's Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention – more commonly known as the ILO Convention 169 – is used as a tool to both resist and legitimate extractivism. She has also written about global trends in seed legislation that erode farmers' rights to save and replant seeds.

She specializes in theories of development and economic change, environmental sociology and critical agrarian studies. She holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin Madison.

PHOTO STORY

Ocean Defenders

South African small scale and subsistence fishers have been at the forefront of ocean conservation and climate change efforts in South Africa, having successfully opposed a number of ocean seismic surveys in the provinces of Kwa-Zulu Natal, the Western Cape, and the Eastern Cape. Coastal subsistence fisherfolk recognise that their way of life is entirely reliant on the health of the ocean and access to its marine resources. Having observed the ocean on a daily basis for years, they are acutely aware of its changing conditions and the impact this has had on marine life.



A subsistence fisherwomen at the beginning of the evening shift. She wears a t-shirt from a protest march that reads; "Save the People Save the Oceans No to Oil & Gas Exploration".

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3rd place in PhD Fieldwork Photography Competition 2023

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