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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland from February 2022
Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology
Pictet Chair in Finance and Development, Centre of Finance and Development

University of Cambridge, the UK 2018 –2021
Research Associate, Max Planck Cambridge Centre for Ethics, Economy and Social Change
Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology
Post-doctoral By-Fellow, Churchill College

EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science, the UK 2012 – 2018
PhD in Anthropology
Supervisors: Prof Matthew Engelke, Dr Michael W. Scott
Examiners: Prof Jesse Shipley (Dartmouth College), Prof Laura Bear (LSE)
Dissertation title: 'Accra's Professionals: an ethnography of work and value in a West African business hub'

London School of Economics and Political Science, the UK 2011 – 2012
Master of Science in Social Anthropology (Distinction)
Thesis: 'Public Spirit, Other Spirits: Sincerity and Christian Performance on Ghanaian Television'. Awarded Maurice Freedman Thesis Prize 2012

Free University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands 2009 – 2010
Master of Science in Social and Cultural Anthropology (Distinction 'cum laude')
Field research centred MSc in Sociocultural Anthropology, including course work in the Anthropology of Human Security, Ethnographic Methods, and Field Research Design. I wrote a master's thesis on the politics and aesthetics of authentication surrounding the consumption of beauty commodities in Ghana. Nominated for Leiden Africa Thesis Award 2011. Supervisors: Dr Marleen de Witte and Prof Birgit Meyer

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), France 2008 – 2009
Graduate Exchange Year in International Relations and Advanced French
Major: International Relations, including courses in Ethics of the Use of Force, Forecasting International Relations, Simulation of Conflict resolution, War and Peace, Media and Society, Advanced French

University of Helsinki, Finland 2005 – 2008
Bachelor of Social Sciences in Anthropology (Distinction), with minors in Political Science and French
Bachelor's Thesis: 'Voicing the Whispers: Ethnographic Approach to Silencing and its Cultural Responses in the Eastern War-zone of Sri Lanka'

Additional certificates:

Certificate in Statistical Analysis as part of LSE doctoral training (Distinction), spring 2013

Certificate in Statistical Analysis (Distinction), University of Helsinki, autumn 2006

Proficiency in Swedish for civil service, University of Helsinki, spring 2007

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Published

Peer-reviewed articles and book chapters

2021. "More than money: work as self-realization in Accra's private media." In *Work, Society, and the Ethical Self: Chimeras of Freedom in the Era of Neoliberalism*, edited by C. Hann. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books.

2020. "God's Delivery State: taxes, tithes and a rightful return in urban Ghana." *Social Analysis* 64(2): 38-58.

2020. "Citizens for Ghana and the Kingdom: Christian Personal Development in Urban Ghana." In *Spirituality, Organisation and Neoliberalism: Understanding Lived Experiences*, edited by Emma Bell, Anca Simionca, Sorin Gog, and Scott Taylor. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

2014. Kauppinen, Anna-Riikka & Spronk, Rachel. "Afro-chic: Beauty, Ethics and 'Locks without Dread' in Ghana". In Jaffe, Rivke & Barendregt, Bart (eds.) *Green Consumption: The Global Rise of Eco-Chic*. Oxford: Berg.

Review essays

2021. Review essay of Carrier, James (ed.) 2019. Research Agenda for Economic Anthropology. *Anthropology of Work Review* Vol. 42, Issue 1. Word count: 1400.

2020. "God's Calculative Experiments: Divine Economic Agency in Early Christianity and Anthropological Theory." *New Directions in the Anthropology of Christianity Review Forum* 4: 3-7.

2019. "Long Read: Beyond Debt: Islamic Experiments in Global Finance by Daromir Rudnycky," with Lenhard, J. Originally appeared in *LSE Review of Books*, republished in *LSE Business Review*. URL: <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2019/07/25/long-read-review-beyond-debt-islamic-experiments-in-global-finance-by-daromir-rudnycky/#comments>

Submitted

"Banking on Indigeneity: Moral Politics of Economic Sovereignty in Ghana's 2017-2019 Financial Crisis." Article part of a special issue, "Capitalizing Africa: Global Finance After the New Millennium," guest-edited by C. Mizes and K. Donovan. Under review in *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*

"Can a pastor own shares in a bank?' The Spiritual Vernacular of Accountability in Ghana's 2017-2019 Financial Crisis." (Under review)

"The Nurturing State: fiscal models of care and patronage in Ghana's informal sector." Book chapter part of an edited volume *Anthropology of Tax*, edited by J. Muegler, M. S. Johansson and R. Smith. Under review in Cambridge University Press

In preparation

Intimate Audits: Pursuing Professional Worth in a West African Business Hub (book manuscript in progress)

"Navigating Investment Universes: Ethics of Decision-making on New Frontiers of Capital". A special issue introduction in preparation for *Journal of Cultural Economy*, with J. Lenhard. The special issue with nine original research articles currently under review

"When God's Bankers Fail: investment-ponzies and Christian subject-making in Atlantic Africa". An article in preparation for *Journal of Cultural Economy* as part of the co-edited special issue

"Prayer Work: Divine Agency and Capitalist Vitality in Ghana's New Private Sector." In preparation for *Cultural Anthropology*.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2021 Leverhulme Trust Early-Career Fellowship (declined)
A highly competitive three-year research grant to undertake research for a project, 'Charismatic Capital: Christian Business and Investment Relations in West Africa'
- 2021 Shortlisted for the Cambridge SU Student-led Teaching Award in 'Small-group teaching'
- 2018 – 2021 Cambridge Churchill College Post-doctoral By-Fellowship
- 2015 – 2017 LSE Subwarden Stipend
Coverage of rent and monthly allowance in LSE Northumberland House
- 2012 – 2015 LSE PhD Scholarship
A full tuition fee waiver and maintenance grant to undertake doctoral dissertation research
- 2013 LSE Postgraduate Travel Fund
Coverage of participation costs to the conference of BSA Study of Religion Group
- 2012 Distinction awarded for MSc in Social Anthropology, LSE Graduate Examination Board
- 2012 Maurice Freedman Thesis Prize, Department of Anthropology, LSE
Best MSc dissertation in Social Anthropology, class 2011-2012
- 2011 Nomination for Africa Thesis Award 2011, Leiden African Studies Centre
Among the three finalists out of 55 theses submitted to the competition
- 2011 London School of Economics Graduate Support Scheme
Award to cover 80 % of the cost of one-year tuition at the LSE
- 2010 Distinction 'cum laude' awarded for MSc in Social and Cultural Anthropology, Free University of Amsterdam Graduate Examination Board
- 2010 Fieldwork grant, Free University of Amsterdam
Contribution to fieldwork expenses, Accra, Ghana
- 2009 Vrije Universiteit Fellowship
Tuition fee waiver and maintenance grant for academic year 2009–2010 at Free University Amsterdam
- 2008 ERASMUS/Socrates Scholarship
Tuition fee waiver and contribution to living expenses during the academic year 2008–2009 at Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) Paris.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Conference and panel organizing

Co-organizer of a mini-conference, 'Fiscal Relations in a Post-Covid World: Hopes, Doubts and Discontents of Tax' to SASE2021 (Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics), with invited participants from Economics, Anthropology, Political Science, Sociology and tax advocacy groups. SASE Annual Meeting, 3-6 July 2021.

Co-organiser of a workshop, 'Investing in Values', University of Cambridge, February 18, 2020. Exploring ethnographies of investment from various locations, the workshop brought together participants from Anthropology, Development Studies, Economics, Sociology, and Political Science. Discussants: Prof Diane Coyle and Prof Deborah James.

Co-organiser and chair of a panel, 'Ethics and Economic Action in Changing Climates: ethnographies of investing and saving', at the AAA/CASCA (Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association) in Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24, 2019. Discussant: Dr Kimberly Chong.

Co-organiser and chair of a panel, "The Work of Value: toward an ethics of economic action," at the AAA San José, the USA, November 14-18, 2018. Discussant: Dr Daromir Rudnykyj.

Co-organiser of a full-day panel, "Moral Language of Economic Imagination," ASA UK, Oxford, September 18-21, 2018. Discussant: Prof Laura Bear.

Invited talks and departmental seminars

"God's Deposits: Charismatic Experiments in Ghana's Retail Banking." Senior Research Seminar invited talk, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, 28 May 2021

"Banking on Indigeneity: moral politics of economic sovereignty in Ghana's 2017-2019 financial crisis." CUSAS Seminar invited talk, University of Cambridge, 13 May 2021

"Prayer Theory of Value: Ritual Labour in Ghana's New Private Sector." Senior Research Seminar invited talk, Department of Anthropology, University of Cambridge, 12 October 2018

"Kin Out of Colleagues: friendship and the virtue of permanence among Accra's young professionals." Invited talk in LSE Research Seminar Series on Anthropological Theory, 9 December 2016

"God's Start-ups: 'spiritpreneurs', Christian professionalism and the making of ethics in Accra, Ghana." Invited talk in King's College Department of Religious Studies and Theology Seminar Series, 25 October 2016

Paper presentations

"Spiritual book-keeping as organizational audit in Ghanaian corporate capitalism." Paper presentation in the panel "Ethical and Economic Change and the Nature of Social Transformation," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association 17-21 November, 2021.

"Fiscal Relations, Class Politics, and the Election Year in Ghana's Covid-19 Context," with Duho, K. C. Paper presentation in the co-organized mini-conference "Fiscal Relations in a Post-Covid World", SASE Annual Meeting, 2-6 July 2021

"Born-Again Beauties: Disciplining 'prayerful' models in Ghana's fashion industry." Paper presentation in the panel, "Morality and Gender Politics in African Christianities," Society for the Anthropology of Religion Spring Virtual Conference, 14-16 May, 2021.

"Quality Work: intimate audits of status and freedom among Accra's professionals." Presentation in a conference "Work, Ethics, Freedom" at the Max Planck Institute of Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, December 11-13, 2019

"God's Deposits: Charismatic Experiments in Ghana's Retail Banking." Paper presentation in a panel, "Keeping, Giving, and Waiting in Line: Ethnographies of a Bank." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association and CASCA, Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24, 2019

"Who Delivers the Public Good? Towards the anthropology of tax universes". Invited presentation in a workshop, "Becoming Taxpayers: Establishing the Anthropology of Taxes and Taxation," University of Stockholm, Sweden, 28-30 October 2019

"God's Business: Christian entrepreneurship and the moral discourse of state decay in Ghana." Paper presentation in a panel "The Ethics of Two Sovereigns: Christians Between God and the State," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, the USA, November 14-18, 2018

"Moralizing Languages and Economic Imaginaries: Witchcraft, Ritual and Prosperity Religions," with Patrice Ladwig. Introductory presentation in the co-organised panel, "Moral Language of Economic Imagination," ASA UK, Oxford, September 18-21, 2018

"Ethical Infrastructures: commercial banking and ritual networks in West Africa." Presentation in the inaugural symposium of Max Planck Cambridge Centre for Ethics, Economy and Social Change, Cambridge, the UK, 6 March, 2018

"A Prayer Theory of Value: exploring 'spiritpreneurship' in Accra, Ghana." Paper presented in the conference "New Subjectivities of Global Capitalism", Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 18-19 September 2017

"Pleasure Talk: Media Professionals, Public Sphere and Sexual Self-fashioning in Accra, Ghana." Paper presented in the panel, "The sexual making of the global middle-classes: bodily techniques and social sensibilities as new markers of social stratification?" Social Class in the 21st Century, Amsterdam Research Center for Gender and Sexuality, 22-23 October 2015

"On PIN-code thieves and designer cheques: ATMs, financialisation and fraudulence in Accra, Ghana." Paper presented in Anthropology in London Day, 15 June 2015

"Ghana For You: Orientation." Lancaster University, Ghana Branch, Accra. Invited talk for British students of Lancaster University during their study visit to Ghana, 31 March 2014

"Public Spirit, Other Spirits. Sincerity and Christian Performance in Ghanaian Commercial Media." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Study Group, "Material Religion," Durham, April 9-11, 2013

"Copycats and Dreadful Locks: Dialectics of 'Africanising' Beauty in urban Ghana and African American Popular Culture." Paper presented at the International Congress of Americanists, July 15-20, 2012, Vienna, Austria

"Beauty, Ethnography and the Everyday." The 3rd Annual Conference of International Political Anthropology, "Reclaiming Beauty," 25th May 2012, University of Cambridge

"Pageants of Belonging: Africanizing Beauty in Urban Ghana." Annual Durham Postgraduate Anthropology Conference, 25 April 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Affiliated Lecturer and Academic Supervisor

October 2018 – December 2021

University of Cambridge, lecturing, small-group teaching, dissertation supervision and marking undertaken for Department of Social Anthropology, Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS), and Centre of African Studies

- Lecturing, collaborative curriculum design and leading seminars within the undergraduate course Anthropology of Africa (2018 – 2021)
- MPhil seminar instructor, "Anthropology and Economics" (autumn 2020)
- MPhil seminar instructor, "Value, Values, and Valuation" (autumn 2021)
- MPhil in Social Anthropology dissertation supervisor (2020 – 2021)
- Student supervision within Cambridge's interdisciplinary social and political sciences undergraduate program (HSPS Tripos) for courses "Power, Economy and Social Transformation" and "Ethical Life and the Anthropology of the Subject"

Lecturer

October 2018

Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge, 'Paper 0: Neglects of Neoclassical Economics'

Contributed lectures within the Paper 0 curriculum of alternative approaches to economic life, titled "What is the Economy: Anthropology of Money and Exchange" and "Stories of Finance: Enactments of Expertise"

Seminar leader and tutor, “Culture and Globalisation”

June – July 2017

*London School of Economics, Summer School***Graduate Teaching Assistant**

April 2016 – December 2017

London School of Economics, Department of Anthropology

Teaching and marking various undergraduate courses, including “Political and Legal Anthropology,” “Introduction to Social Anthropology for non-specialists” and “Anthropology and Media”

Teaching Assistant

September – December 2015

*King’s College London, Department of Religious Studies and Theology*Seminar leader and tutor for a 3rd year undergraduate module, “Anthropological Approaches to Religious Innovation and Questions of Being”**Guest instructor, Fieldwork methods for PhD students**

Several sessions in 2015 – 2017

London School of Economics, Department of Anthropology

Presented about the process and challenges of navigating analysis during ethnographic fieldwork for pre-fieldwork doctoral students at the LSE, which included Q&A sessions on practical advice

ACADEMIC SERVICEEditor of *Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Association*, January 2021 onwardsPeer-reviewer for *Cambridge Encyclopedia of Anthropology* (CEA), August 2019Peer-reviewer for *History and Anthropology*, September 2020Peer-reviewer for *Anthropological Quarterly*, June 2020Peer-reviewer for *Journal of Material Culture*, May 2021**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Tax Anthropology Network – Member and Associate Researcher

ASA UK – The Association of Social Anthropologists in the UK

AAA – The American Anthropological Association

FAS – The Finnish Anthropological Society

KUKA – network of academic experts and journalists in the Finnish media

LANGUAGES

Finnish	native
English	fluent spoken, fluent written, fluent reading
French	fluent spoken, fluent written, fluent reading
Swedish	intermediary spoken, intermediary written, fluent reading
Twi (Akan)	basic spoken, basic written, basic reading
Pidgin (West African)	fluent comprehension
Italian	basic spoken, basic written, intermediary reading

PUBLIC OUTREACH2021. “Taxpayer’s Playlist: filing personal tax returns, with the power of Spotify,” with Eräsaari, Matti. *CaMP Anthropology* 15.4.2021. URL: <https://campanthropology.org/2021/04/15/taxpayers-playlist/>2020. “The Fiscal Life of Pandemics,” with Sheild Johansson, Miranda. Allegralab 14.9.2020. URL: <https://allegralaboratory.net/the-fiscal-life-of-pandemics/>

2019. “Banking from a cultural perspective: Anthropological insights on finance and Ghana’s banking sector”, a presentation to the executive management and employees of OmniBSIC Bank Ghana Ltd

2019. "Fieldnote: Tales of a banking crisis from Accra," a blog post published on the Max Planck Cambridge Centre Blog, URL: [<http://maxcam.socanth.cam.ac.uk/index.php/2019/02/28/fieldnote-2-tales-of-a-banking-crisis-from-accra/>]

2016. "Yrittäjyyttä nostetaan positiiviseksi kansalaisuuden ideaksi sekä Suomessa että Ghanassa" ["Entrepreneurship as the positive ideal of citizenship in Finland and Ghana"] A discussion piece for KUKA, an online platform that connects academics and journalists in the Finnish media.

2015, with Venäläinen, Juhana. "Velkaantumisen pelko vaarantaa demokratian" ["The fear of indebtedness puts democracy in danger"] Editorial column in *Helsingin Sanomat* 10/7/2015

2010. "The Lingering Field". In "Fieldwork Series 2010," *Standplaats Wereld*. URL: [<http://standplaatswereld.nl/2010/06/23/fieldwork-2010-the-lingering-field/>]

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OmniBSIC Ghana Limited, Accra, Ghana January 2019 – May 2019
Assistant to the Head of Strategy & Finance (internship as part of fieldwork)

- Assisted in designing a five-year strategic plan for the Bank in co-operation with the executive management and an external consultancy; editorial and research support across Strategy, Finance, HR, and Corporate Banking units

West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI), Ghana Apr2011 – Dec2014, Jan2019– Jul2019
Research Associate (formal affiliation and volunteering)

- Organised workshops and training sessions on qualitative research methods and analysis
- Provided research assistance for the Executive Director
- Coordinated, collaboratively conceptualised and assisted in the first phase of editing a book titled *Civil Society and Development in West Africa: Practitioners' Perspective* (2016) with 16 authors
- Provided research and editorial support in English and French, including tutoring graduate interns

London School of Economics Residential Life September 2015 – August 2017
Subwarden in Northumberland House LSE Residence

- Served as part of the warden team responsible for LSE student-residents' pastoral care
- Planned and organised events and programs in co-operation with the student-led Hall Committee
- Certified annual training on mental health, diversity and inclusion, first aid, and fire safety

Research assistance for a book project, March – May 2016
"Homeownership, Renting and Society: Historical and Comparative Perspectives"

- Conducted research on a database of Finnish political manifestos since 1945, coded statements on housing and presented analysis of the shifting politics of home ownership in Finnish political parties. Project leader: Dr. Sebastian Kohl, based at the Max Planck Institute, Cologne

Northstar Research Partners, UK April 2016 – September 2016, March and July 2017
Researcher/Ethnographer

- Provided research support for various client projects and presented insights in client meetings
- Conducted fieldwork in London leisure spaces through the prism of a "branded space"

Launch Factory Experiential, Ghana/South Africa Mar2011– May2011, Sep2013 – Dec2013
Researcher

- Research assistance for two documentary series. The first series followed the treatment and recovery process of 25 patients in the Ghanaian public health sector in spring 2011. The second series followed community development initiatives in autumn 2013

Palmu Inc. Service Design, Finland

June–September 2008, June–August 2009

Ethnographer

- Conducted ethnographic research for client projects such as service provision in “moving spaces”, public transport in Finland, grocery store shopping in Finnish urban and rural areas, insurances in the human life cycle, and information technology among university students
- Developed training materials and interview structures for future projects

European Employment Services EURES, Slovakia

July 2007–September 2007

Intern in European Regional Development

- Interviewed inhabitants of Stara L'Ubovna on the prospects and challenges of an EU-funded project of creating a common job market between Slovakian and Polish cross-border regions