

Rama Salla Dieng, PhD, FHEA

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Languages: English, French, Wolof

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Interdisciplinary and award-winning **feminist scholar, political scientist and international development specialist**, with over a **decade of teaching, research, and policy engagement**. Expertise in African politics and governance, gender justice, feminist political economy, and decolonial approaches to development with a proven track record of publishing impactful research, securing competitive funding, and building practitioner-oriented collaborations. Committed to decolonial knowledge production, socially engaged scholarship, and interdisciplinary praxis. Strong track record of strategic partnerships with UN agencies, and African institutions to drive gender-transformative, evidence-based policies. [2025 Recipient of the Paula Kantor Award for Excellence in Field Research](#)

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Postgraduate and Undergraduate Teaching & Curriculum Design** (African Studies, Gender and Feminism, Political Economy and International Development)
- Inclusive, Student-Centred Pedagogy & Supervision
- Interdisciplinary, Feminist & Decolonial Research
- **Policy-Oriented Research:** Expertise in qualitative, field-based, and comparative research, with strong analytical and editorial skills.
- **Leadership Development & Network Building:** Experience designing and coordinating leadership programmes, seminars, and international dialogues.
- **Event Design & Facilitation:** Skilled in organizing interdisciplinary events with high-level stakeholders including political leaders, academics, and civil society actors.
- **Multilingual & Culturally Fluent:** Fluent in English, French, and Wolof; experienced in cross-cultural collaboration across Africa, Europe and beyond.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Gender and International Relations, Co-Director, Gender Centre

Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
August 2026 – Present

Adjunct Senior Lecturer,

Mandela School of Public Governance, University of Cape Town, South Africa
May 2022 – Present (4 years)

Senior Lecturer, African Studies & International Development

Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh, UK
January 2019 – October 2024 (5 years)

- **Led the MSc Africa and International Development program**, driving enrollment growth, enhancing academic quality, and expanding interdisciplinary course offerings.
- **Designed and delivered dynamic curricula on the MSc Africa & International Development** equipping students with practical, policy-relevant skills.
- **Supervised 3 PhD and 60+MSc students**, guiding them to publish impactful research on African studies, politics and International Development.
- **Secured major research grants**, raising funding for multi-country projects on [Feminist Alternatives for Post-COVID-19 Engagements \(FACE\)](#) and [Agrarian Change, Migration and Sustainable Development in Senegal and Zimbabwe](#)
- **Established strategic partnerships with policymakers, NGOs, and multilateral agencies**, including the [United Nations](#), translating research insights into actionable policy reforms.
- **Spearheaded field-based experiential learning**, providing students with **hands-on exposure** to development challenges and solutions across Africa.

Founding Director and Curator – CINEFEMFEST African Feminist Film, Photography and Research Festival <https://www.instagram.com/cinefemfest/>

2023 –2026 Senegal

- **2025 Film and Research Festival and Photo-Exhibition on the Theme: Democracy, Ecology and Artivism, Dakar, Saint-Louis and Toubab Dialaw, Senegal.** Photo Exhibition curated with Mamy Hawa
- **2024 Film and Research Festival and Photo-Exhibition on the Theme: Transnational and Pan-African Solidarity, and Cultures of Non-Violence in Toubab Dialaw, Senegal** Photo Exhibition curated with Amina Jules Dia, Kir Mamayimbe Kalissa and Amsatou Diop
- **2023 Film and Research Festival on the Theme Heritages, on Goree Island, Senegal.** Festival co-organised with Tabara Korka Ndiaye and Ndeye Debo Seck

External Examiner – Global Development Management Module

The Open University, United Kingdom

January 2024 – January 2026

- Approve assessments to ensure alignment with learning outcomes and academic standards.
- Oversee disability-related adjustments to ensure fairness and parity.
- Sampled anonymised student work to ensure consistent application of assessment criteria.
- Attend all exam boards and ensured compliance with programme regulations.
- Flag risks to academic standards when necessary.
- Sign off pass lists and submitted timely external examiner reports.
- Advise on curriculum and assessment changes to maintain validity and integrity.

Research Network Facilitator, [Design Futures in Sub-Saharan Africa: Post-Western Perspectives](#) (Part-time)

University of Arts of London (UAL) October 2015-April 2017 (2 years)

- Coordinate the Research Network funded by the Leverhulme Trust, is a partnership between the UAL, the V&A, Oxford University, & Universities in Africa (Senegal, Ghana, Nairobi & Cape Town).
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Africa Advisor

FRIDA, The Young Feminist Fund/ June 2015 – 2017 (2 years)

- Advises the FRIDA staff on capacity-development, grant-making, resource-mobilisation, African feminist movements & knowledge-building
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Mo Ibrahim Foundation Governance and Development PhD Fellow₂

SOAS, University of London

September 2015 -2018 (3 years)

- Researching Land Governance and Development in Africa
 - Convening the *Understanding Africa* summer school
 - Teaching Assistant /SOAS, Development & Economics Departments (Gender and Development, African Economic Development,
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Research Fellow

UN African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (UN-IDEP/UNECA), Dakar, Senegal |

Jan 2015 – September 2015

- Coordinated the publication process for the proceedings from three projects on Engendering Development Planning, Social Policy in Africa and Land Policy in Africa.
 - Coordinated the documentary on the workshops on *Cultures of Development (Dakar in 2011, Accra in 2012, and Ouagadougou during the FESPACO in 2013)*
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Policy Researcher, Policy Research Division,

United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning UNIDEP/UN Economic Commission for Africa, UNECA, Dakar, Senegal

October 2010 – October 2013

- **Convened over 36 monthly development seminars**, the flagship event of the institute, gathering policymakers, researchers, representatives of the government international organisations, diplomatic bodies, think-tanks and civil society organisations.
- **Supported the development of large-scale policy initiatives**, delivering research and recommendations that shaped **gender-responsive economic policies** across West Africa.
- **Supported the training of 300+ government officials and development practitioners** on integrating **gender equity and social inclusion** into policy planning.
- **Produced influential policy briefs**

Programme Assistant Intern

UNDP Mauritius & Seychelles, Port-Louis, Mauritius, Gender and Socio Economic Development
May 2009 – October 2009

- **Supported policy advocacy on sustainable development and poverty reduction**, contributing to high-profile UN reports and initiatives such as the [Nelson Mandela Leadership Dialogue with the UNSSC](#).
 - **Enhanced research capacity** by developing data-driven reports on **climate resilience** and socio-economic development strategies.
 - **Facilitated stakeholder dialogues**, promoting **inclusive development** with government representatives and civil society actors.
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EDUCATION

- **Certificate of Academic Practice, University of Edinburgh, 2022**
 - **PhD – SOAS University of London, UK**
Dissertation: *Contemporary Land Rush, Food Security, and Contradictions of Agrarian Change in Senegal (2007–2017)*
 - **Master of Science in Research for International Development – SOAS University of London, UK . Chevening Scholar. Dissertation:** *the Politics of Policy-Making & the shift from ‘Poverty Reduction’ to ‘Emergence’ in Senegal*
 - **Double MA in International Cooperation & Development + Risks Management in Developing Countries – Sciences Po Bordeaux (IEP), France**
 - **Dissertation:** *Women and Human Development in Mauritius and Senegal*
 - **Maîtrise in Political Science – Université Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV, France**
 - **BSc Economic & Social Administration (AES) Specialising in Labour and HR / Université De La Méditerranée Aix Marseille 2/ Aix-En Provence/Marseille, France**
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RESEARCH & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- **Sub-theme Chair, [Development, Political Economy, and Agrarian Studies](#)** – African Studies Association (ASA-US)
- **Co-Convenor, [Joint DSA-EADI Study Group](#)** on the Political Economy and Political Ecology of Land, Labour, and Food – UK Development Studies Association (DSA) & European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)
 - **Led 11 global webinars, reaching 1,000+ participants** and influencing policy discussions on **land, labor, and food systems governance**.
- **Member, Collective of Agrarian Scholar Activists from the South (CASAS)**
 - **Advocated for decolonial, feminist, and anti-racist approaches** in agrarian studies, amplifying marginalized voices in policy discourse.
- **United Nations Policy Dialogues**
 - **Presented expert recommendations on governance and development**, shaping UN strategies on sustainable agriculture and food security.
- **Published extensively** in peer-reviewed journals, producing **policy-shaping research** on agrarian political economy, gender equity, and sustainable food systems.

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- **Co-Convenor**, DSA-EADI Joint Study Group on Land, Labour & Food
- **Member**, CODESRIA, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa
- **Member**, UK Development Studies Association

Selected Publications & Initiatives

Books and Edited Volumes

- [*Feminism for the World*](#) (August 2025), Pluto Press, UK, Collective Book Co-Authored with leading feminist academics: Zahra Ali, Silvia Federici, Verónica Gago, Lola Olufemi, Djamila Ribeiro, Sayak Valencia, Françoise Vergès
- [*Decolonize Humxnize*](#) (February 2024) co-edited by **Dieng, R. S.**, Dr. Kathryn Toure, and Roopal Thaker, Illustrations: Celeste Wamiru, Langaa Research and Publishing [Link](#)
- [*Gagner le Monde: Sur Quelques Ouvrages Féministes*](#), Éditions La Fabrique, Paris Collective Book
- [*Féminismes Africains*](#), Une Histoire Décoloniale, (2021) Présence Africaine, Paris
- [*Feminist Parenting, Perspectives from Africa and Beyond*](#), (2020), peer-reviewed book co-edited by **Dieng, R. S.**, Andrea O'Reilly, Demeter Press, Canada
- [*Special Issue: Food Security, Migration and Agrarian Change in Senegal and Zimbabwe \(2023\)*](#) **Dieng, R. S.**, Vanda, G., & Chambati, W. (Eds.)
 - o Introduction (Co-author): Agrarian Change, Food Security, Migration and Sustainable Development in Senegal and Zimbabwe
 - o Article (Author): 'Adversely Incorporated yet Moving up the Social Ladder?': Labour Migrants Shifting the Gaze from Agricultural Investment Chains to 'Care Chains' in Capitalist Social Reproduction in Senegal
<https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/news-events/event/launch-special-issue-quarterly-journal-council-development-social-science>)

Peer-reviewed articles

- **Dieng, R.-S. (2025)** Interviews with Diao Camara, A., Sow, M., Sonko, M., Ndoye, F.. Agroecology, Food Sovereignty and Land Citizenship in Senegal: Ecofeminist Perspectives. *Politique africaine*, 109-142. <https://doi.org/10.3917/polaf.177.0109>.
- **Dieng, R. S. (2025, forthcoming)**, Editor, special issue on Feminist Political Economy Approaches to Labour in Africa, *Antipode*, A radical journal of geography
- **Dieng, R. S. (2024)** From Yewwu Yewwi to #FreeSenegal: Class, Gender and Generational Dynamics of Radical Feminist Activism in Senegal, *Politics & Gender*, 1-7. doi:10.1017/S1743923X2200071X <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/politics-and-gender/article/abs/from-yewwu-yewwi-to-freesenegal-class-gender-and-generational-dynamics-of-radical-feminist-activism-in-senegal/A392D9D4EF139DFC971647F9FEE5F325>

- **Dieng, R. S.,** Hastrup, T., & Kang, A. (2024). Critical Perspectives on Protests: Feminists Reclaiming Citizenship in Africa. *Politics & Gender* 2024;20(2):474-477. doi:10.1017/S1743923X22000769
- **Dieng, R. S.** (2024). Speaking out talking back? African feminist politics and decolonial poetics of knowing, organizing, and loving. *Review of African Political Economy*. <https://www.scienceopen.com/hosted-document?doi=10.1080/03056244.2023.2284524>
- **Dieng, R. S.** (2024), Documenter et rappeler l'histoire politique, sociale et économique du Sénégal: Un hommage à MOMAR-COUMBA DIOP, un mentor et un passeur transdisciplinaire et intergénérationnel ; With a compilation of testimonials from : Mouhamadou Mbodj, Boubacar Barry, Babacar Fall, Ibrahima Thioub, Fatou Sow, Adebayo Olukoshi, Cheikh Oumar Bâ, Fatoumata Hanne, Hamidou Dia, Serigne Mansour Tall, Ramata Thioune, Ndèye Astou Ndiaye, Hady Bâ, & Ferran Iniesta <https://journals.codesria.org/index.php/codesriabulletin/article/view/5856>
- **Dieng, R. S.** (2024). Racial capitalism and women's horticultural labour in Senegal. *The Journal of Peasant Studies*. [Link](#)
- **Dieng, R. S.,** 2020, 'Being, Being with, Becoming and Doing With: Building an African Ecofeminist Development Alternative in times of crisis', Policy paper, Bread and Butter Series, African Women's Development Fund, 18 pages: 'https://awdf.africclub.net/wp-content/uploads/Being-Being-with-Becoming-and-Doing-With-Bringing-the-social-back-in-the-land-grab-debates.2.pdf
- **Dieng, R. S.,** 2019, 'Gone Native?': Reflections of a feminist tightrope walker's research on 'land grabbing' and the dilemmas of 'Fieldworking while Parenting at home', in Jackson, R. & Kelly, M. (October 2018) Women Researching in Africa. The Impact of Gender, Palgrave , p.27-50 Switzerland: Springer International Publishing AG ISBN 978-3-319-94502-6 <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-319-94502-6>
- **Dieng, R. S.,** 2017 'Land grabbing' & the politics of evidence: The case of Senegal in *Africa Insight Journal* 46 (4) Investment on Land or Land Grabbing? Land Reform, Agricultural Production and Food Security in Africa
- **Dieng, R. S.** (Nov. 2016) Book Review: Ndèye Sokhna Guèye (Ed.) (2015), *Mouvements sociaux des femmes au Sénégal (Women's Social Movements in Senegal)* in *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy*, Vol 5, Issue1, pp. 126 – 128

Book chapters

- **Dieng, R. S.** (March 2024). Feminist political economy, land, and decolonisation in Africa and the Global South. In *Decolonize Humxnize*, co-edited by Dr. Kathryn Toure and Roopal Thaker, Langaa Research and Publishing. [Link](#)
- **Dieng R. S.,** 2023, Bien sûr que la parole est une arme! La Revue Awa et le Journal Fippu comme plateformes d'expression des féministes en lutte en Afrique (de 1957 à la fin des années 1980), Chapter in *Gagner le Monde: Sur Quelques Héritages Féministes* (Éditions La Fabrique, Paris), Book Co-Authored with leading feminist academics: Zahra Ali, Silvia Federici, Verónica Gago, Lola Olufemi, Djamila Ribeiro, Sayak Valencia, Françoise Vergès
- **Dieng, R. S.** (2018)'Gone Native?': Reflections of a feminist tightrope walker's research on 'land grabbing' and the dilemmas of 'Fieldworking while Parenting at home', in Jackson, R. & Kelly, M. (October 2018) Women Researching in Africa. The Impact of Gender, Palgrave , ISBN 978-3-319-94502-6
- **Dieng, R. S.** (2013) Le rôle de la culture dans le développement en Afrique in the collective book ed. Aboa, Pokam, Sadio et Tandia (Eds) (2013) *Démocratie et Développement : Perspectives des Jeunes Chercheurs Africains*,

Policy papers

- **Dieng, R. S.,** 2015 Third Financing for Development Conference: A missed

opportunity for African Women in DAWN Informs (Newsletter of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), August 2015 <https://dawnnet.org/publication/dawn-informs-august-2015/>)

- **Dieng, R. S.**, 2020, 'Being, Being with, Becoming and Doing With: Building an African Ecofeminist Development Alternative in times of crisis', Policy paper, Bread and Butter Series, African Women's Development Fund, 18 pages: https://awdflibrary.org/index.php?p=show_detail&id=117&keywords=

Public Scholarship

- **Dieng, R. S.**, 2024, Democracy at Work: Senegalese Citizens Reshaping the Social Contract, Debating Ideas, African Arguments, 6 March 2024 <https://africanarguments.org/2024/03/democracy-at-work-senegalese-citizens-reshaping-the-social-contract/>
- **Dieng, R. S.** (2024). How to Get Away with Murder: State Brutality and Police Repression in Senegal. [ROAPE](#)
- **Dieng, R. S.** (2024). Resisting State Brutality in Senegal. [ROAPE](#)
- **Dieng, R. S.**: [Blackness, Pan-African Consciousness and Women's Political Organising through the Magazine AWA](#), Debating Ideas, African Arguments (with Dr. Korka Sall), 31 January 2023
- **Dieng, R. S.** (2023). Whose land is it anyway? [Africa is a Country](#) Author: [Emancipation that Costs Servitude](#) (on domestic workers in Senegal), Africa is a country, March 2023
- **Dieng, R. S.**: [The land does not lie](#) (on The State, the Rural World and Agricultural Modernisation in Senegal), January 2023
- **Dieng, R. S.** [The Labour of Land](#) (on land grabs, labour and capitalist accumulation in Senegal), Africa is a Country December 2022
- **Dieng, R. S.** [Au-delà de la ruée vers les terres africaines, l'enjeu de la main-d'œuvre](#), Afrique XXI, Janvier 2023
- **Dieng, R. S.** [Teaching Development](#), [How](#) can we translate ethically sound practice in development-focused research into good *teaching*? Blog with Dr. Ann Wagner on the UoE FutureProof Collective, 2020
- **Dieng, R. S.**, Race.Ed Launch, [Responsive and Creative Pedagogy](#), July 2020
- **Dieng, R. S.**, [Running While Others Walked, Remembering Thandika Mkandawire \(1940-2020\)](#), Review of African Political Economy (ROAPE.net)
- **Dieng, R. S.**, [Se souvenir de Thandika Mkandawire \(1940-2020\)](#), [Council](#) for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) 2020

SCIENTIFIC ROLES AND IMPACT:

- **Sub-theme Chair, [Development, Political Economy, and Agrarian Studies](#)** – African Studies Association (ASA-US)
- Co-convenor of the Development Studies Association (DSA) and European Association for Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) [Land, Labour and Food Politics Study Group](#) & Convenor of webinars
- Member of the International Advisory Group of the Journal Feminist Theory
- Member of the International Advisory Group of the Journal of Peasant Studies (JPS)
- Until 2025: Member of the Editorial Working Group of the Review of African Political Economy (ROAPE)
- Founder of the DSA Decolonising Working Group and co-organiser of the first [DSA Decolonising development event](#)
- Until June 2021: Co-Organiser (CAS Decolonising Working Group Event): [Africa Centered Teaching at the University of Edinburgh : An Action-Focused Discussion](#) (attended by 150 participants)
- March 2023, Critical Perspectives on Feminist Protests CAS seminar (video): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpUDp-r_hLc
- May 2023, l'entretien, Sénégal, with Sada Kane on African feminisms on 2sTV Channel, Sénégal (One-hour interview) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPn0Z9DTZf8>
- 2021, African Feminism: A Decolonial History, Monthly Review Online <https://mronline.org/2021/11/22/african-feminisms-a-decolonial-history-an-interview-with-rama-salla-dieng/>
- 2021, Feminism in Africa, The Morning After the Crisis Podcast, Centre for Art, Knowledge and Society, Raw material Company Dakar: http://www.rawmaterialcompany.org/_4183?lang=en

ACADEMIC AND POLICY CONFERENCES

April 2025: Panelist at the **Eleventh Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in Uganda, Panels on SDG 5**

November 2023 : Roundtable Panellist on [Senegal: Democracy In Crisis? Social Movements and The State From The Past To The Present](#) co-organised by the New York University Department of French Literature, Thought and Culture and the New York Africa House

October 2023: Plenary Keynote Speaker on Agrarian Politics, Care, and Social Reproduction at the 50th Anniversary of the Journal of Peasant Studies Conference ‘Critical Agrarian Studies in the 21st Century’ in Beijing at the China Agricultural University; and Panel Chair (Land Grabbing and Labour Extraction in the Global South)

June 2023: Keynote speaker, Senegal: The Rule of Law and Democracy in Peril (Webinar organised by the Gabriel Péri Foundation, France on: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyUqqmmp_wo

DSA 2023 Panel Convenor: Racial Capitalism, Labour and Accumulation in Agri-food Chains in the Global South

2023, co-convenor: Gender and Social Sciences Research in Africa Colloquium (online); 8-10 May 2023 in collaboration with University of Montreal (Canada) partners, as part of the ACFAS congress (thanks to IASH Susan Manning Funding)

<https://www.acfas.ca/evenements/congres/programme/90/400/484/c>

April 2022: Invited Guest, Paris Book Festival

April 2022: Keynote Speaker on ‘[Caring and Subversion](#)’, African Studies Association of Africa Conference, University of Cape-Town

January 2022: Keynote Speaker, [Unruly Thoughts: Beyond Eurocentric Feminisms](#): Austria’s Feminist festival (to be included in a collective book)

December 2021: Intergenerational Conversation with Tsitsi Dangarembga: [Zimbabwean Writer, The role of creative art to strengthen the African Renaissance, at the African Union’s 10TH High-Level Dialogue on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance in Africa: Trends, Challenges And Prospects](#)

October 2020, Co-Convenor: Study Abroad Panel for African Students organized with the Africa Office of Edinburgh Global during Africa Week (with Chevening, Mo Ibrahim, Mastercard Foundation and Commonwealth Shared Scholarships)

September 2020: Convenor, [Decolonising Development: Looking back, looking forward, Development Studies](#)

August 2020, Convenor, Book Launch: [Feminist Parenting, Perspectives from Africa and Beyond](#)

August 2020: RAW Podcast: The morning after the Crisis: [Des féminismes en Afrique](#)

July 2020: [Keynote](#), 22nd Annual Conference of the Association for Heterodox Economics: The World Transformed: The Contributions of Heterodox Economics Globally “Building Back Better after COVID-19

May 2019: Regional Consultations on Gender and Inclusion in Africa organized by the International Development Research Center, IDRC Africa Office

November 2017: “Critical Appraisal of the Status of Youth Inclusion and Engagement in Governance and Accountability in West Africa: Connection between Policy and Practice” Nairobi, Kenya

20 July 2017: “Land Governance, Culture and Development in Senegal”, presentation at the SOAS Africa

Conference [Imagining Africa’s Future: Language, Culture, Governance, Development](#)

18-22 January 2016: ‘Land grabbing’ & the politics of evidence: The case of Senegal, Presentation at the Sam Moyo Institute of Agrarian Studies Summer School on Progressive Social Forces, Social Movements, Collective

Actions & Gender in the Contemporary Agrarian Transformations in the South in Zimbabwe

10-13 May 2016: “Understanding China and India ’s economic investments in Francophone West Africa and gendered implications” at the University of Santa Cruz California’s (UCSC) workshop on China & the global South: Gender & Sexuality Implications in Santa Cruz, convened by the Center for Emerging Worlds

Over 30 IDEP monthly development seminars (MDS) organized between 2011 and 2013 as the series coordinator with first-class development thinkers and practitioners at the Institute, in Senegal

REFERENCES (Contacts available on request)