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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Columbia Climate School
Postdoctoral Researcher

January '24 – January '26

EDUCATION

Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

PhD (DPhil) in Politics

October '18 – December '23

Dissertation: "Extraverted Developmentalism: The Political Logic of Special Economic Zones in Angola and Ethiopia"

Department of International Development, University of Oxford

MSc in Economics for Development

October '14 – June '15

St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford

BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics

October '11 – June '14

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Africa Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Nonresident scholar

April '24 – Present

Oxford University China-Africa Network

Co-Convenor

October '20 – June '23

Centre de Recherches Internationales, Sciences Po Paris

OxPo Visiting Researcher

September '20 – July '21

Oxford Martin Programme on African Governance

Oxford Martin Fellow

January '18 – December '23

Centre for the Study of African Economies and Blavatnik School of Government

Research and Policy Officer

June '16 – December '22

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

"The Logic of Authoritarian Industrial Policy: The Case of Angola's Special Economic Zone", *African Affairs*, Volume 121, Issue 485, October 2022, Pages 595-622 <https://doi.org/10.1093/afraf/adac033>

"Politics by Default: China and the Global Governance of African Debt" (with Harry Verhoeven), *Survival*, Volume 64, Issue 3, 2022, Pages 153-178 <https://doi.org/10.1080/00396338.2022.2078054>

Working Papers

"States and Markets in the Energy Transition: Drivers of National Oil Companies' Renewable Energy Investments in Brazil and Angola"

"Bargaining for Sovereignty: Explaining African Participation in the G20 Common Framework for Debt Treatments" (with Harry Verhoeven)

"The Political Economy of Energy Transition in African Petrostates: The Case of Angola"

"Tracking Energy Cooperation through Data Diplomacy: Introducing the Enetrix Brazil Platform" (with Iure Paiva, Renan Holanda Montenegro and Renata Albuquerque Ribeiro)

"China's Overseas Climate Finance, 2000-2017" https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4502356

In Progress

"Levers of Financial Influence over National Oil Company Climate Strategies" (with Paasha Mahdavi)

Book Reviews

Cooperating for the Climate: Learning from International Partnerships in China's Clean Energy Sector, by Joanna I. Lewis, *The China Quarterly*, Volume 256, December 2023, Pages 1104-1106

<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0305741023001388>

Non-peer-reviewed

"A integração da África nas finanças internacionais e suas consequências políticas", *Journal of Democracy em Português*, Volume 13, Issue 1, May 2024, Pages 136-166

Selected Commentary and Policy Writing

"Bolstering U.S. Leadership by Improving Africa's Position in the International Financial System", in Usman, Zainab (ed.), *Priorities for the New U.S. Administration and Congress on Strengthening Economic Relations with Africa* (Washington, DC: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2024)

"Prosperity Post Fossil Fuels: Policy brief for a just energy transition in Brazil" (with Kathryn Hochstetler), *Policy Dialogue on Just Energy Transitions* (Climate Strategies and Salzburg Global Seminar), 4 November 2024

"'Pockets of Effectiveness' and Institutional Structures for Industrial Policy in Uganda", *Economic Policy Network* (Centre for the Study of African Economies and Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford), 15 July 2024

"Mounting Economic Challenges Threaten the Basis of MPLA Rule in Angola", *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, 18 August 2022

"How the US-China rivalry is undermining efforts to address Africa's debt" (with Harry Verhoeven), *Africa at LSE Blog*, 1 August 2022

"Diagnostics for Industrialisation: Growth, Sectoral Selection and Constraints on Firms", *Digital Pathways Papers Series*, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, 2022

"Can Africa learn from the Chinese urbanisation story?" (with Stefan Dercon, Astrid Haas and Sebastian Kriticos), *Policy Framing Paper*, International Growth Centre and Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford, 2022

TEACHING

Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Introduction to the Practice of Politics, undergraduate lecture	November '22
Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa, undergraduate lectures and classes	January '22- March '22, '23

Sciences Po Paris, Merton Campus

Thinking IR Globally, undergraduate classes	September '21-December '21
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University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

État, développement et illégalités en Afrique, masters classes	September '21-December '21
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St Hugh's College, University of Oxford

Comparative Political Economy, undergraduate tutorials	October '20 - December '20
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CONSULTANCY

Fundação Getúlio Vargas

Advisory work on Brazil's G20 Presidency	August '23 – June '24
Supporting the Brazilian Ministry of Finance in drafting its landmark "Ecological Transformation Plan" and strategic advice on Africa- and debt-related matters.	

World Bank

Finance, Competitiveness & Innovation Global Practice	September '21 – June '22
Advisory Services and Analytics project on "Policies for Private Sector-led Economic Transformation in Angola".	
Social Protection & Jobs Global Practice	July '19 – December '20
Analytical and policy research programme on "More, better, and more inclusive jobs: preparing for successful industrialization in Ethiopia".	

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Goldman Sachs

Global Macro Research Analyst

London, UK

June '15 – June '16

Macroeconomic research covering Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa (CEEMEA). The main tasks involved writing reports on economic developments in CEEMEA, modelling Eurobond prices, developing indicators of core inflation, estimating exchange rate passthrough, and impulse responses to various supply and policy shocks.

CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS

- 2025 ISA; Harvard Global Climate Policy Pipeline Conference; Boston University Global Development Policy Center; Lemann Brazil Dialogues
- 2024 APSA; ISA; Debtcon7; Harvard Climate Pipeline Workshop; Harvard Growth Lab Seminar; Brazilian Political Science Association
- 2023 SASE Conference; Climate Obstruction Conference, Climate Social Science Network; LASA Africa Conference
- 2022 ISA, Pan-European Conference on International Relations; Séminaire présences chinoises en Afrique et dans le monde, EHESS
- 2021 Development Studies Association ; Bergen Global and Christian Michelsen Institute; Centre d'analyse, de prévision et de stratégie, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2020 Canning House; Charter Cities Institute

GRANTS

- Columbia Global Center Rio de Janeiro 2024
Funding for project on "National Oil Companies and the Political Economy of Energy Transition: The Case of Petrobras"
Funded: \$9,960
- Columbia Global Center Rio de Janeiro 2023
Funding for project on "The Political Economy of Green Innovation in Brazil" (with Harry Verhoeven)
Funded: \$19,898.96

MEDIA COVERAGE

Foreign Policy, South China Morning Post, Folha de São Paulo, Agence Ecofin, Expansão (Luanda), Afrimag, Chine Magazine, Europe.Table, and China.Table.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer: *Business & Politics, Review of International Political Economy, Cambridge University Press, Oxford Development Studies, African Geographical Review*

LANGUAGES & SKILLS

Languages: Portuguese (native), Italian (native), English (native-level proficiency), French (fluent), Spanish (fluent)

Computer skills: Stata, Eviews, R.