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## Education

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**Ph.D. Economics**, University of South Carolina Expected May 2025

– Research Fields:

- \* Development Economics: deep roots of comparative development
- \* Economic History: persistence of history, and the lingering effects of history
- \* Political Economy: democracy & development, support for democracy
- \* Applied Microeconomics

**MA Economics**, Ibn Haldun University May 2020

**BA Economics**, Istanbul University May 2018

**BA Public Finance** (second major), Istanbul University May 2018

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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Kambala, M.I. (2023). Colonial Origins of Comparative Development in Ghana. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 59(2), 188–208. doi:10.1080/00220388.2022.2113066

Kambala, M.I. (2023). The impact of precolonial political centralisation on local development: Ghana's Paradox. *Oxford Development Studies*, 51(2), 163–178. doi:10.1080/13600818.2022.2115474

## Working Papers

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The Long-run Effects of Africa's Wave of Democratization (Job Market Paper). [available here](#)

Understanding the Temporal and Spatial Trend of Work-At-home in the United States – with Wang, S. [available here](#)

Climate Shocks and Social Intolerance – with Jakaria, M. [available here](#)

The Long-term Effects of Agricultural Epidemic: Evidence from the Cocoa Swollen Shoot Virus Outbreak in the Gold Coast

## Works in Progress

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Quality of Local Government and Subjective Wellbeing in Africa .

Modern Road Infrastructure and Cocoa Production in the Gold Coast.

African Mining Economies and Local Support for Democracy.

## Conferences and Seminars

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Roads, Local Growth and Agricultural Production in the Gold Coast. *1<sup>st</sup> Annual Symposium, Department of Economics, USC*, Columbia, SC. Apr 12, 2024.

The Long-run Effects of Africa's Wave of Democratization. *University of Oxford Center for the Study of African Economies*, Oxford, U.K. March 17–19, 2024.

Democratization and Long-run Development: Evidence from Africa's Star Democracy. *93<sup>rd</sup> Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, Louisiana. Nov. 18–20, 2023.

Democratic Governance and Long-run Development: Evidence from a Natural Experiment. *Annual South East Exchange of Development Studies Conference*. Atlanta, Georgia. Apr 27–28, 2023.

Democratic Governance and Long-run Development: Evidence from a Natural Experiment. *Brownbag Seminar Department of Economics, USC*. Columbia, South Carolina. Feb 15, 2023.

Colonial Origins of Comparative Development in Ghana. *91<sup>st</sup> Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting*. Houston, Texas. Nov 20–22, 2021.

Colonial Origins of Comparative Development in Ghana. *Graduate Conference on Social Sciences, Humanities and Management*. Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey. May 5, 2020.

## Teaching Positions

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**Instructor of Record**, University of South Carolina

- Fall 2024: ECON224, Introduction to Economics
- Spring 2024: ECON224, Introduction to Economics

**Teaching Assistant**, University of South Carolina

- Fall 2023: Money, Income and Prices, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
- Spring 2021: Public Economics, Industrial Organization, Labor Economics, Principles of Microeconomics
- Fall 2021: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
- Spring 2022: Introduction to Economics, Applied Macroeconomics, Money, Income and Prices.

**Teaching Assistant**, Ibn Haldun University

- Spring 2020: Microeconomic Theory
- Fall 2019: Intermediate Microeconomics

**Teaching Fellow**, Ibn Haldun University

- Fall 2018: Comparative Theories and Methods I
- Spring 2019: Comparative Theories and Methods II

## Awards, Grants and Honors

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Graduate Student Award, Southern Economic Association	2023
International Conference Travel Grant, USC Graduate School	2023
Third-year Paper Completion Fellowship, USC Department of Economics	2023
Graduate Fellowship, Darla Moore School of Business, USC	2020–2022
Best Paper Award, Graduate Conference on Social Sciences, Humanities and Management, Ibn Haldun University	2020
Undergraduate Merit Scholarship, Turkish Government Scholarships	2013–2018

## Skills

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**Programming Languages:** Python, R, SQL

**Software and Tools:** Stata, ArcGIS (ARCMAP), LaTeX

**Languages:** English (Fluent), Turkish (Advanced), Ghanaian Language (native)

## Relevant Certificates

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Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate

## Invited Talks, Service & Extracurricular Activities

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Democracy and Development in Africa. Prof. Douglas Woodward's Urban Economics class, Department of Economics, USC. Feb. 14, 2024

Urbanization in Africa. Prof. Douglas Woodward's Urban Economics class, Department of Economics, USC. Feb 12, 2024

Urbanization in Africa. Prof. Douglas Woodward's Urban Economics class, Department of Economics, USC. Apr 10, 2023

Urbanization in Africa. Prof. Douglas Woodward's Urban Economics class, Department of Economics, USC. Nov 21, 2022

Vice President. Graduate Student Association, USC 2022

Secretary of Grad Student Awards. Graduate Student Association, USC 2021

## About/By Me in Press

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Northern Ghana is underdeveloped because of underinvestment during colonial rule, not geography. *The Conversation*. see here

Understanding the Microeconomic Impact of Covid-19 Lockdowns in Africa. *The Diplomatic Affairs*. see here

A New Dimension of the Legacy of Colonial Borders. *The Diplomatic Affairs*. see here

The Monetisation of Electoral Process in Ghana: The Stakes and The Costs *The Diplomatic Affairs*. see here

The Search for New Keynesians *The Diplomatic Affairs*. see here

Angry Ghanaians Want Their Country Fixed. *The Diplomatic Affairs*. see here

## Professional Memberships

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American Economic Association

Southern Economic Association

## References

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