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Education

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

– Research Fields:

- * Development Economics: deep roots of comparative development
- * Economic History: historical determinism
- * 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

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

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 Disease Outbreak in the Gold Coast [available here](#)

Works in Progress

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

The Long-run Effects of Africa's Wave of Democratization. *94th Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting*. Washington DC. Nov. 23–25, 2024.

Roads, Local Growth and Agricultural Production in the Gold Coast. *1st 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. *93rd 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. *91st 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

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

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

Programming Languages: Python, R, SQL

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

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

Relevant Certificates

Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate

Invited Talks, Service & Extracurricular Activities

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

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

American Economic Association

Southern Economic Association

References

Douglas Woodward (Chair)
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