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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024- Present **Lecturer in Politics and International Relations (Africa) & Migration**
Department of Politics and International Studies, SOAS

2021- 2024 **Lecturer in International Relations of the Global South**
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2024- Present Fellow, Higher Education Academy (FHEA), University of Kent

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2016- 2021 **Royal Holloway, University of London**
Ph.D., Political Science
Dissertation: *Pentecostalism, Politics and Leadership in Zimbabwe*
Committee: Kaat Smets (Chair), Sara Rich Dorman & Miles Tendi

2008- 2010 **University of Queensland, Australia**
M.A., Political Science

2004- 2007 **Monash University, South Africa**
B.A., Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- Zigomo, Kuziwakwashe. (Forthcoming). 'Religion, Political Legitimacy, and The July 2018 Elections in Harare'. *African Affairs*.
- Zigomo, Kuziwakwashe. (2024). 'The Influence of Transnational Pentecostal Religious Beliefs on Women's Political Participation in Zimbabwe'. *Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 1- 22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2024.2395935>
- Zigomo, Kuziwakwashe. (2022). 'Virtue, Motherhood and Femininity: Women's Political Legitimacy in Zimbabwe'. *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 48(3): 527-544.
- Zigomo, Kuziwakwashe and Gallagher Julia. 2019. 'Obituary, Robert Gabriel Mugabe: 1924-2019'. *The Journal of the Britain-Zimbabwe Society, Zimbabwe Review*, 19(3): 1-5.
- Zigomo, Kuziwakwashe. 2018. 'Hopes and Fears for Zimbabwe in the Post-Mugabe Era'. *The Journal of the Britain-Zimbabwe Society, Zimbabwe Review*, 18(1): 1-2.

Edited Volumes

- Zigomo, Kuziwakwashe. (2024). "Young Professional Women's Performative Agency in Challenging Media (Mis)Representations of Women in Politics: The Case of Zimbabwe". In *The Routledge Handbook of Contemporary African Women*. Anna Chitando, Ezra Chitando and Eunice Kamaara (Eds.). Routledge.

Research Papers

- Zigomo, Kuziwakwashe. 2012. 'A Community-based Approach to Sustainable Development: The Role of Civil Society in Rebuilding Zimbabwe'. *Solidarity Peace Trust*.

Blog Entries

- Zigomo, Kuziwakwashe. 2017. 'Blog: Zimbabwe's Military Coup: Ramifications and Implications'. *Centre for Global Politics and Development, RHUL*.

BOOK PROJECTS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Women, Religion and Politics: Re-Historicizing Zimbabwe's Political Transitions through a Religio-Feminist Lens (1890- 2023)*
- *Zimbabwe's Big Men: Faith, Politics, and Power*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SOAS, Convenor

2024	Methodology in the Social Sciences (PGT)
2024	Introduction to Research Methods (UG)
2024, 2025	International Relations of Africa (UG)
2024, 2025	Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG)
2025	The Politics of Global Migration (UG)
2025	International Migration and Diaspora Politics (PGT)

University of Kent, Convenor

2021, 2022	Research Methods Training (II) (PGT)
2021, 2022, 2023, 2024	Politics and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa (UG and PGT)
2021, 2022, 2023, 2024	Negotiation and Mediation in International Conflict Resolution (PGT)
2023	International Conflict Analysis and Resolution (UG)
2023	International Conflict and Cooperation (UG)
2024	Political Research and Analysis (UG)
2024.	Global Governance of Peace and Security
2024	War, Violence and Peace (UG)

RHUL, Graduate Teaching Assistant

2017, 2018, 2019	Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods (UG)
2019, 2020	Introduction to International Relations (UG)

SOAS, Graduate Teaching Assistant

2019	De-colonising World Politics (UG)
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FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2023- 2025	British Academy Leverhulme Small Research Grant
2022	Movement & Migration Signature Research Theme Grant (University of Kent)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

September 2024. ‘Cultivating Inclusive Communities in UK HEIs through Reflexive Structured Dialogue (RSD)’. *Teaching & Learning Conference, University of Kent.*

August 2024 ‘From Liberation to Bondage and from Bondage to Liberation: Female Freedom Fighters, Religion and Liberation Politics in Zimbabwe’. *African Studies Association of the United Kingdom (ASAUK) Annual Conference, Oxford Brookes University.*

June 2024 ‘Inhabiting Paradoxes: Pentecostal-Political Femininities in Zimbabwe’. *British International Studies Association (BISA) Annual Conference, University of Birmingham*.

August 2023 ‘Developments in the 2023 Zimbabwe Elections & Implications for Democracy & Democratization’. *Accountability Lab, Zimbabwe*.

June 2023 ‘Investigating the Role of Religious Women in Informal Peace Processes in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Comparative Study’. *British International Studies Association (BISA), Glasgow*.

November 2022 ‘Political Violence and Women’s Political Participation in Zimbabwe’. *Amnesty International, London, United Kingdom*.

June 2022 ‘Transnational Pentecostalism, Femininities and Citizenship in Zimbabwe’. *(En)gendering Citizen & Subject in an Age of Migration: Cases in Sub-Saharan Africa and Beyond, University of Kent*.

June 2019. ‘Virtue, Motherhood & Femininity: Women’s Political Legitimacy in Zimbabwe’. *8th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), Edinburgh*.

September 2018. ‘Pentecostalism and Politics in Africa: The Case of Zimbabwe’. *27th Biennial Conference of the African Studies Association of the UK (ASAUK), University of Birmingham*.

June 2017. ‘Citizen & Subject in an Age of Migration and Digital Media: The Case of Zimbabwe’. *7th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), Basel*.

June 2017. ‘Youth and Political Participation in Zimbabwe’. *British-Zimbabwe Society Research Day, St Anthony’s College, Oxford*.

ACADEMIC SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP

SOAS, Service

2024- Present Africa Research Cluster

SOAS, Advising

2025 UG Mentor, Junior Scholars Researchers Program (JSRP), Ebony Initiative

University of Kent, Service

2023- 2024 Programme Director, MA International Conflict Analysis Program (ICAN)

University of Kent, Advising

2021- 2024 PGT and UG Academic Advisor

Memberships African Studies Association of the UK
Africa and International Studies Working Group (BISA)
Britain-Zimbabwe Society (BZS)
Britain International Studies Association (BISA)
Colonial, Postcolonial & Decolonial Working Group (BISA)
Conflict & Analysis Research Centre (CARC)
Global Politics and Development (RHUL)
Movement & Migration Signature Research Theme (University of Kent)

Reviewer Journal of Southern African Studies, Journal of Religions.

SKILLS

Research	Qualitative Methods:	Ethnography In-depth interviews Focus groups Participant observation Discourse Analysis
	Quantitative Methods:	Surveys Statistical Analysis

Fieldwork Zimbabwe, United Kingdom

Software NVivo, SPSS, RStudio