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CURRENT POSITION

01/09/2020 - Date **Lecturer (Political Studies)**

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

04/2013 – 12/2017 **University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany.**

Ph.D. (Political Science).

Dissertation: 'The Role of Functional Differentiation in the Decision-Making Process of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM): Merit-based or Power Politics?'

09/2011 – 08/2012 **King's College London, United Kingdom.**

M.A. Conflict Security and Development.

08/2010 – 07/2011 **University of Ghana, Legon Accra, Ghana.**

M.A. International Affairs.

08/2004 – 06/2008 **Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana.**

B.A. Social Sciences (First Class Honors).

10/1999 – 06/2002 **Tamale Teacher Training College, Tamale, Ghana.**

Teacher's Certificate 'A' (3-Year Post Secondary).

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

10/2018 – 08/2020 University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany.

Lecturer (Part time) – Chair of International Relations.

10/2017 – 03/2018 University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany.

Lecturer (Part time) – Chair of International Relations.

06/2016 – 12/2017 King's College London, United Kingdom.

Research Associate - African Leadership Centre/CSDG.

04/2013 – 03/2017 University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany.

Doctoral Fellow –Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences.

- 06/2015 – 10/2015 South African Institute of International Affairs, Johannesburg, SA.
Visiting Research Fellow – Governance and APRM Unit.
- 10/2012 – 03/2013 University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.
Research Assistant – Centre of Criminology.
- 09/2008 – 07/2010 Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.
Research and Teaching Assistant – Faculty of Social Sciences.

PUBLICATIONS

John-Paul Safunu Banchani, Sebastian Angzoorokuu Paalo, John Bosco Dramani, Daniel Dramani Kipo-Sunyezi and Abass Mohammed (2025), African Union's Institutional Innovations for Promoting Good Governance: A Focus on the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), in *African Quarterly Social Science Review*, Vol. 2, Issue 3, pp 68-80. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.51867/AQSSR.2.3.6>

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Bah Mariama, **Banchani John-Paul Safunu**, Emmanuel Banchani, Leonard Baatiema & Mohammed Abass Issakah (2024), Promoting lifestyle changes in patients with prediabetes from African-Caribbean backgrounds in the United Kingdom, in *Ethnicity and Health*, Vol.29, Issue 4-5, pp. 465-483. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13557858.2024.2346817>

Kipo-Sunyezi, D.D., Abubakari, A.-F. and **Banchani, John-Paul Safunu**. (2024), Public procurement policies of Nigeria and Ghana: an analysis of the administrative challenges in achieving value for money, in *Journal of Public Procurement*, Vol. 24 No. 2, pp. 193-209. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JOPP-08-2023-0060>

Banchani, John-Paul Safunu (2017), *The Role of Functional Differentiation in the Governance of the Decision-Making Process of the African Peer Review Mechanism: Merit-Based Decision-Making or Power Politics?* (Bamberg: University of Bamberg Press OPUS).

Banchani, John-Paul Safunu (2016), The relevance of the Gulf of Guinea in global energy politics, in *African Security Review*, Volume 25, Issue 4, pp. 420-426. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10246029.2016.1225585>

Banchani, John-Paul Safunu and Elrena van der Spuy (2013), Bibliography on police and policing research in South Africa, 2000–2012, in *South African Crime Quarterly*, No. 46.

Banchani, John-Paul Safunu (2012), Do Grassroots Approaches and Mobilization for Development contribute to Post-Conflict Peacebuilding? The Experience of Northern Ghana, *ALC Monograph Series*, No. 26. (Nairobi & London: ALC).

CONFERENCES AND COURSES ATTENDED

- Participant in the webinar Excellence Lab Bavaria-Africa: Academic Freedom. Perspectives on African-European dynamics in international research projects on 4 June 2024 jointly organised by the Pan-African Institute of Research and Innovation (PIRI) and the Scientific Coordination Office Bavaria-Africa of the Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR), Germany.
- Participant in the Executive Leadership Development Course organised by the KNUST E-Learning Centre in May 2023 in Kumasi, Ghana.
- Participant in a virtual seminar on (In)visible Displacement in the Horn of Africa: concepts, consequences, experiences from the 17 – 18 January 2023, organised by the Centre for Refugee Studies, University of York, Canada.
- Participant in a webinar on the History and Future of U.S. Sanctions Policy: What the Evolution of U.S. Sanctions Can Tell Us About Promoting Peace in Ukraine and Beyond on 8th December 2022, organised by the United States Institute of Peace, USA.
- Participant in an online workshop entitled Studying Political Scientists: An Open & Global Workshop on Methodology on 9 December 2022 organised by The Study of Political Science as a Discipline.
- Non-member participant in the virtual Annual Conference of the International Council for Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI) on Global Progress in Open Science Implementation on 1st December 2022.
- Participant in a webinar on Open Access Publishing in the Social Sciences organised by Taylor and Francis on 18 November 2022.
- Participant in a webinar on The Changing African Idea of Africa and the Future of African Studies: Reconfiguring African Studies organised by the University of Bayreuth, Germany in collaboration with the Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study (JIAS) at the University of Johannesburg in South Africa on 20 October 2022.
- Participant in the annual Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, held from June 13th - June 24, 2022 at the Maxwell School, Syracuse University, USA.

- Participant in a 2-day workshop on 'Research Philosophies, Approaches and Strategies from the 22nd – 23rd July 2021, organised by the West Africa Built Environment Research Conference, WABER, University of Reading, UK.
- Participant in the GIZ workshop for Returning Experts on the topic: 'Sustainable development through effective knowledge sharing: Concepts, methods and processes' held from the 23rd Sept to 25th Sept 2021 at the Akroma Hotel Takoradi.
- Participant in the Web Content Training for Web Content Managers for the Faculty of Social Sciences held at the UITs ICT Laboratory, Main Library, KNUST, on the 15th July 2021.
- Participant in the Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences Anniversary Conference, held from 16th- 17th September 2021 at the University of Bamberg, Germany.
- 3rd International Research Conference of the College of Humanities, University of Ghana. Paper presented: "The role of functional differentiation in the African Peer Review Mechanism at the University of Ghana, Legon. July 2017.
- 10th ECPR General Conference, ECPR. Paper presented: "The role of delegation in the governance of decision-making within the African Peer Review Mechanism", at the Charles University, Prague. 7th to 10th September 2016.
- 3rd African Leadership Conference, African Leadership Centre. Paper presented: "The role of delegation in decision-making in the African Peer Review Mechanism: Ruled-based?" at King's College London. 5th to 6th of June 2016.
- 5th ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques held at the University of Bamberg. March 2016. **Course attended:** Advanced Process Tracing Methods.
- Trimberg Research Academy, University of Bamberg, Young Researchers Week. February 2016. **Course attended:** Qualitative Research in Social Sciences.
- 4th ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques held at the University of Bamberg. February 2015. **Course attended:** Introduction to NVivo for Qualitative Data Analysis.
- 2013 Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences organized by the Social sciences Research Center Berlin (WZB) and the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) Berlin, Germany. July 14 to July 26, 2013.

FUNDING AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

- Awarded the African Leadership Centre Scholars Fellowship at King's College London 2011/12.
- Awarded a doctoral fellowship at the BAGSS under the German Research Foundation Excellence Initiative 2013.
- Awarded the DAAD-STIBET Funding for International Students, University of Bamberg 2017 (Funded by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

- IPID4all Scholarship (for doctoral researchers' active participation in conferences) funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research June 2017.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Reviewed the working paper series of the African Leadership Centre.
- Reviewed abstract submissions for 3rd Annual BAGSS Conference.
- Co-managed a research project on Policing and Police research.
- Involved in the Planning of the 4th African Leadership conference.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English-	C2.	German-	A2.	French-	A2.
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SOFTWARE SKILLS

NVIVO-	advance.	MaxQDA-	intermediate.	LaTeX-	intermediate.
MS OFFICE-	advance.	R-	elementary.		

References on request.
