

## Interdisciplinary Fellowship Group

### Migration, Mobility and Forced Displacement

#### List of Fellows and Guest Researchers



#### **Dr. Badasu, Delali**

is immediate past Director of the Centre for Migration Studies (2013- 2017) and a Senior Research Fellow at the Regional Institute Population Studies (RIPS) at University of Ghana. She holds a PhD in Geography and Resource Development, M.A. (Population Studies) and B.A. Hons, (Economics/Geography) from the University of Ghana. She also holds MA (Geography) from University of Alberta, Canada. Her research interests have been in population and development with focus on migration, urbanization and health and nutritional status of migrants' children. Her recent research focus is on collective remittances transfer governance and economic growth impacts.



#### **Bisong, Amanda**

is a doctoral researcher at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Nigeria. Amanda is a Lawyer called to the Nigerian Bar, having studied law at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. She also has a masters degree in International Trade Policy and Trade Law from Lund University, Sweden and a Masters in International Law and Economics from World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland. Amanda does research in Public Law, Political Economy and Migration. Her research focus lays on migration governance and the interplay between regional and national commitments, as well as on the role of external stakeholders on influencing migration policies in West African States. She also does research on labour migration and exploring the linkages between trade and migration in West Africa.

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#### **Dr. Bjarnesen, Jesper**

is a Senior Researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute since September 2013. He did an M.A. in Anthropology and one in African Regional Studies at the University of Copenhagen, and completed a PhD in Cultural Anthropology at Uppsala University in 2013. Until 2018, he was a lecturer in the Network on Humanitarian Action International Association of Universities (NOHA). Bjarnesen has worked primarily on the grey zones between forced and voluntary migration in West Africa, in the context of the 2002-2011 civil war in Côte d'Ivoire. Within this context, his research has considered the generational variations of displacement; the dynamics of integration among urban youths; and the broader themes of urban resettlement and transnational families. His current research focuses, firstly, on the effects of migration governance in terms of the in/visibilities produced by specific legal statuses and, secondly, on labour mobilities across and between secondary cities in West Africa.

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#### **Prof. Crawley Heaven**

is with the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations since September 2014 and leads a team of researchers working on issues of Migration, Displacement and Belonging. Educated at the Universities of Sussex (1989-1994) and Oxford (1995-1999), Heaven Crawley has nearly 25 years' experience of undertaking research on international migration in a wide range of institutional settings (government, voluntary sector, national and international organisations, academia). She was previously head of asylum and migration research at the UK Home Office (2000-2), Associate Director at the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) (2002-4) and managed an international research consultancy (2004-6) before returning to academia to establish the Centre for Migration Policy Research at Swansea University (2006-14). Her current thematic focus is on South South migration, as well as on journeys and migration decision-making, with a particular emphasis on the relationship of migration to issues of inequality and development.

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### **Prof. Darkwah, Akosua Keseboa**

teaches Sociology at the University of Ghana, Legon. She holds a B.A. in Sociology/ psychology from Vassar College. She completed a M.Sc. and a PhD in Sociology at UW-Madison. Broadly, her research interests are in the area of gender, globalization and the changing nature of work in the Ghanaian context. Her research interests are in two major areas. In the area of development sociology, she has investigated the implications of globalization for Ghanaian female traders of global consumer goods, Ghanaian female factory workers, Ghanaian domestic workers and Ghanaian trainees for oil sector jobs as well as more recently, women in leadership positions, specifically politics. Her second area of research interest is in migration studies, specifically exploring the ways in which young men and women use social networks to migrate out of Ghana.



### **Dr. Garba, Faisal**

is a lecturer in the Department of Sociology, University of Cape Town. He teaches courses on social theory, society and change, globalization and inequality, and challenges to Eurocentrism at the University of Cape Town and the University of Freiburg, Germany. His research and reaching interests radiate around African migration, working class history and organization, African historical sociology, and social theory. He was educated in the Universities of Ghana, Legon, Cape Town and Albert Ludwigs University, Freiburg.



### **Dr. Kandilige, Leander**

is a Lecturer of Migration Studies at the Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana, Visiting Lecturer at the University of Northampton and Research Associate at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford. He holds a D.Phil. (PhD.) in Migration Studies from the School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford. In addition, he holds an M.St. in Forced Migration (University of Oxford), M.A. in International Affairs (University of Ghana), a Postgraduate Certificate in Managing Voluntary Organisations (University of Southampton) and a B.A. (First Class Honours) in Political Science and Philosophy (University of Ghana). His research interests are in migration and development, migration theory, labour migrations in Africa, diaspora and development, migration policies, and return migration.

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### **Dr. Kleist, Nauja**

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### Prof. Landau, Loren B.



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### Prof. Piper, Nicola



is affiliated with the University of West London. Nicola Piper was trained as Political Sociologist and Japanologist in four different countries. She did her undergraduate degree in Japanese Studies and Political Science at the University of Trier, Germany, the University of Vienna, Austria and the Sophia University Tokyo, Japan. Followed by a Master Degree in Japanese Studies, School of East Asian Studies at the University of Sheffield, UK, where she also completed her PhD in the Department of Sociological Studies. Her broad areas of interest cover migrants' rights, transnational political organising, multi-layered governance of migration and gendered migration. More specifically, her research is on migration governance "from below", that is a rights-based approach to migration derived from (formal and informal) political organising by or on behalf of migrants. She is interested in the discursive framing of rights as well as organisational evolution in rights delivery and thus, the development of political organisations and their networks, advocacy politics, perceptions of solidarity, responsibility and membership in relation to international migration. She is also interested in migrant workers' employment and hiring practices well as their lived reality of working in specific (formal/informal, regulated/unregulated) sectors.

### Dr. Rother, Stefan



is a researcher with the Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute and was previously employed as researcher and lecturer at the Department of Political Science, University of Freiburg, Germany. Stefan Rother holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Freiburg. Before that, he studied political Science and New and Recent History at the University of Sydney and University of Freiburg, where he received his Master's degree. His research focus is on international migration, global governance, social movements, regional integration and non-/post-Western theories of international relations. He has conducted extensive fieldwork in Southeast Asia as well as participant observation at global governance fora and civil society parallel and counter-events at the UN, ILO, ASEAN and WTO-level as well as European Forum on Migration and World Social Forum on Migration.

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### Dr. Schraven, Benjamin

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### Dr. Setrana, Mary Boatemaa

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### Dr. Yeboah, Thomas

is a Research Associate, with the Center for Trust Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR) at Coventry University. He had his BA (2012) in Geography and Rural Development from the KNUST, Ghana and MPhil (2012-2013) and PhD (2014-2018) Development Studies from the University of Cambridge, UK. His main research interest is on migrants, and how their aspirations, identities and lived experiences are shaped by local and global forces and the supportive role of social networks. He is also interested in south-south migration, inequality and development. Prior to joining CTPSR, he collaborated with (IDS) Sussex on a DFID funded research on how young people engage in the rural economy of Africa as the Ghana Country Researcher. He is among the first cohort of Matasa fellows (2016) at (IDS), Sussex, UK, a Mastercard funded programme that seeks to develop a cohort of young African researchers with the skills and commitment to engage in policy-oriented research around the challenges of young people and employment in Africa

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### **Dr. Zanker, Franzisca**

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