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## Curriculum Vitae

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

**2013 LEIDEN UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS**

**PHD IN ECONOMICS**

**SUPERVISORS: PROFESSOR TON DIETZ AND PROFESSOR MURSHED MANSOOB**

**THESIS: REVERSED FORTUNES IN THE SOUTH-A COMPARISON OF THE ROLE OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN KENYA AND MALAYSIA**

Abstract:

The PhD dissertation examined the causes of the observed reversal of fortunes between Sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia in the last 50 years. Specifically, it compares Kenya and Malaysia which 50 years ago were arguably at similar levels of development. Today, Malaysia is an industrialised country while Kenya has stagnated economically. It finds itself in an awkward position, where it has to learn from Malaysia's industrial experience as it aspires to industrialise by 2030. The dissertation also examines how foreign direct investment can be attracted and used to spur industrial development and provides important lessons for developing countries.

**2002 UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, KENYA**

**MA IN ECONOMICS**

**MA THESIS: DETERMINANTS OF NEW AUTOMOBILE IN KENYA**

**1999 UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, NAIROBI KENYA BA IN ECONOMICS (HONS)**

**RESEARCH PAPER: ECONOMIC LOSSES FROM TRAFFIC JAM**

**1998 STRATHMORE UNIVERSITY, NAIROBI KENYA**

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
OF KENYA (CPA-K)**

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## CURRENT APPOINTMENT & ACADEMIC POSITIONS

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI,	LECTURER, 2013 onwards
AFRICA STUDIES CENTRE, NETHERLANDS RESEARCH AFFILIATE,	2007 onwards
AFRICA ECONOMIC RESEARCH CONSORTIUM RESEARCHER,	2010 onwards
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS EDITORIAL COMMITTEE,	2013 onwards
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, EXAMINATION OFFICER	2013 onwards
UCTAD VI Institute member	2012 onwards

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2010 Tracking Development Falsification Award. [http://www.institutionsafrica.org/trackingdevelopment\\_archived/news/739.html](http://www.institutionsafrica.org/trackingdevelopment_archived/news/739.html)

2010 Initial Policy Dialogue, Fellowship to attend the advanced Graduate Workshop in Manchester Business School.

2007 PhD Fellowship under the Tracking Development Project by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### TEACHING

### UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, KENYA

2013-Onwards Lecturer, School of Economics

2004-2013 Tutorial Fellow, School of Economics

2002-2004 Part-time Lecturer, Department of Economics

. Teaching and examining undergraduate courses

. Supervision of undergraduate research papers and Master's thesis

### Supervising PhD students

2014 Laura Lalampaa Innovations and Productivity

2014 Josephine Ndambuki Foreign Firms, Access Credit and Innovations

### Thesis Supervised: In MA Economics University of Nairobi

2003 Evans Kamau: The impact of FDI on economic growth in Kenya. Supervised with Dr Purna Samanta.

2006 Nicodemus Odongo. Demand for Soya beans: A case study of livestock feeds industry in Nairobi. Supervised with Dr. Seth Gor.

2013 Nancy Oswera. Financial integration and macroeconomic volatility in Kenya. Supervising with Dr. Purna Samanta.

2013 Kirwa Lelei Ng'eny. Foreign Direct Investment and volatility in Kenya. Supervising with Jasper Okello.

2014 Mary Maina. Exchange Rate Exposure of Selected East African Stock Markets. Supervising with Dr Victor Owen

2014 Rioba Martin, Evans. Manufacturing Industry and Economic Growth in Kenya: A Kaldorian approach for (1971-2013) with Professor Leopold Mureithi

### **Ongoing**

2014 Mohamed Osman Adan. Forecasting Economic Downturns in Kenya Using Yield Curve. Supervising with Dr Peter Muriu

2014 Beryl Onjala. Does the productivity of Foreign Firms better for Domestic Firms in Kenya?

2014 Moses Matuku. Impact of Deficit Finalizing on the Exchange Rate.

### **Undergraduate Research Papers.**

2013 Supervised three groups of students addressing various aspects of Foreign Direct Investment, Financial development and economic growth.

2014 Impact of remittances in growth in Africa.

### **RESEARCH**

#### **Ongoing:**

2014-2016 Principal Investigator in Kenya. Productive Employment Project. WOTRO, Netherland

2014-2016 Principal Investigator in Kenya. Trade and Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa. Research Project Funded by the Swiss Development Agency.

2013-2016 Principal Investigator in Kenya. Research project entitled '*Co-ordinated Country Case Studies: Innovation and Growth, Raising Productivity in Developing Countries*'. Funded by the British Department for International Development (DfID) through Tilburg University (The Netherlands)

2014 Capital Flight and Monetary Policy in Kenya, AERC.

2013-present Impact of credit constraints on Agricultural Productivity in East Africa. Under the Young Africa Scholars Program.

2013-Present Export Processing Zones and Private Enterprise Development in Africa and Southeast Asia: A Comparative Study, Africa Social Research Initiative, University of Michigan, US.

### **Completed**

2014 UNCTAD: Consultant in International Trade for Masters students in Moi University. Courses taught include Trade in Goods and Commodities and International Trade in Services.

2013-2014 Consultant UNECA: Industrial Policy design and Implementation in Africa. Development of the thematic chapters of the Economic Report for Africa 2014, which explores the institutional and policy processes and mechanisms underpinning the design, management and implementation of industrial policies that may help African countries realize their industrialization and structural transformation goals. It was based on primary data collected through questionnaires that examined the current industrialization initiatives and strategies in a variety of countries. It was supplemented by existing work, especially by UNECA, AUC, UNIDO and other institutions.

2013 Consultant, UNCTAD in the Trade and Poverty Project. Undertake research on the impact of Economic Partnership Agreements on household welfare. Identify and compile datasets on tariff and poverty measures in Kenya

2013 WTO Chair, Research Grant. University of Nairobi. To write a paper and a policy brief on Export Duration and Determinants of Export Survival in Kenya.

2011-2013 International Organization for Migration (IOM)-Lead Researcher in the Kenya Diaspora Project . Key responsibilities: Map the distribution of the Kenyan diaspora in the South . Conduct interviews of members of the Diaspora, Diaspora organizations and Kenya embassies. Write a report on diaspora engagement and human development in Kenya

2012 Centre for Economic Policy and Research (CEPR), UK (Consultant). Global Alert Project on Protectionism during the 2008/2009 Global Economic Crisis. Undertook research on the impact of foreign workers first out policy on the Malaysia's manufacturing sector.

2007-2012 Tracking Development Project, Africa Studies Centre, Leiden University (Research Fellow). Comparative studies between Sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia on development trajectories.

2009 World Trade Organization (PhD Research Fellow)

2005-2007 KIPPRA (Consultant)-Foreign Direct Investment Project

2002 ACTION AID KENYA (Consultant)

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### **PUBLICATIONS**

Refereed Journal Articles and Publications

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa(UNECA) for the *Economic Report on Africa 2014*-"Dynamic Industrial Policy in Africa: Innovative Institutions, Effective Processes and Flexible Mechanisms" (Principal Co-author)

Kinuthia, B and T. Dietz (2014) “*Eén munt VOORDE OOST - AFRIKA ANSE UNIE,*” *geografi e* | september

Kinuthia, B.K and S.M. Murshed (2013) “Determinants of FDI and its impact on economic growth: Kenya and Malaysia compared” forthcoming in the *Journal of Policy Modelling*.

Kinuthia, B.K. (2013) Spotlight on the young and skilled: Kenyan diaspora members in the South. International Organization for Migration. Geneva.

Kinuthia, B.K and A. Akinyaode (2012) “Diaspora and Development in Kenya: What do we know?” *Journal of Migration Policy and Practice* 2(2): 16-20

Kinuthia, B.K (2011) “Industrialization in Malaysia: Changing role of Government and Foreign Firms,” *Economia Mexicana* 20(2): 409-443

Kinuthia B.K (2010) “Poverty Reduction in Malaysia,” *International Journal for Poverty Reduction and International Development* 1(1): 48-76

Kinuthia, B.K (2010) ‘Does Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) accelerate growth? Evidence from Malaysia’, *Int. J. Liability and Scientific Enquiry*, Vol. 3, Nos. 1/2, pp.99–116

#### **BOOKS, BOOK Chapters and Manuals**

Kinuthia, B.K. (2013) *Reversed Fortunes in the South: A Comparison of the role of Foreign Direct Investment in Kenya and Malaysia*. Africa Studies Centre, The Netherlands.

Kinuthia, B.K. and S.M. Murshed (2013) “Foreign Direct Investment in Kenya and Malaysia compared.” in Bernard Berendsen, Ton Dietz, Henk Schulte Nordholt and Roel van der Veen eds. ***‘Asian Tigers, African Lions. Comparing the Development Performance of Southeast Asia and Africa’*** Koninklijke Brill NV, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Kinuthia, B.K. and T. Dietz (2013) “A comparison of Industrial Policies and their outcomes in Kenya and Malaysia” in Bernard Berendsen, Ton Dietz, Henk Schulte Nordholt and Roel van der Veen eds. ***‘Asian Tigers, African Lions. Comparing the Development Performance of Southeast Asia and Africa’*** Koninklijke Brill NV, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Kinuthia B.K (2007) *Macro Economic Theory*. Distance Learning Material. University of Nairobi, Kenya.

#### **Working Papers**

Kinuthia, B.K. (2014) *Capital flight and Monetary policy in Kenya*, AERC.

Kinuthia, B.K (2013) “Export Structure and Catching up: Kenya and Malaysia compared” AERC Working Paper.

Kinuthia, B.K. (2013) "Export Duration and Determinants of Export Survival in Kenya" Working Paper, University of Nairobi.

Kinuthia (2012) "Do Domestic Firms Learn to export from Foreign Owned Firms?" Evidence from Kenya. Africa Economic Research Consortium. Working paper.

Kinuthia, B.K., Remco, H.O and Jacob, J. (2012) "An Evaluation of Government's Response to the Global Economic Crisis: The 'Foreign Workers First Out Policy' in Malaysia's manufacturing sector." CEPR

Kinuthia B.K (2010) "Economic Recovery of the Malaysia's manufacturing sector,"

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### **CONFERENCES ATTENDED AND PAPERS PRESENTED**

2014 Key Speaker in the Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference, Addis, Ethiopia. 17-20 November, 2014

----Country Case Studies of the AERC Project on 'Capital Flight and Tax Havens', Lusaka, Zambia, 6-7 December, 2014.

2013 Capital Flight and Tax Havens. Framework Papers Review Workshop Kigali, Rwanda March 23-24. Organized by the AERC.

2012 AERC bi-annual workshops. Paper presented "Export Structure and Catching up: Kenya and Malaysia compared", June and December.

-- International Organization for Migration Kenya office National experts meetings. Paper presented. "Engaging Kenyans in the diaspora in promotion and participation in Human Development", March, and August.

-- Global Trade alert workshop Accra, Ghana. Paper presented "Economic Recovery in Malaysia's manufacturing sector.

- Centre for Africa Economies Oxford. Paper Presented. Productivity spillovers from foreign owned firms Kenya and Malaysia compared. March.

- Africa Finance Conference, Nairobi Kenya and WTO Chair conference in Mauritius Paper presented: "Do domestic firms learn to export from foreign owned firms in Kenya?"

2011 AERC bi-annual workshops. Paper Presented. Same as above.

- Macroeconomic management of Foreign aid. Paper presented "Foreign aid and Dutch disease in Kenya". December. Organised by AERC-UNU-WIDER.

2010

- Tracking Development workshop in Malaysia. Paper presented. Poverty reduction in Malaysia.

[http://www.institutionsafrica.org/trackingdevelopment\\_archived/resources/docs/BethuelKinuthia.pdf](http://www.institutionsafrica.org/trackingdevelopment_archived/resources/docs/BethuelKinuthia.pdf)

- Chinese Economic Association (Europe/UK). The 21st CEA (UK) and 2nd CEA (Europe) Annual Conference. Paper Presented. Economic Recovery in Malaysia. Oxford.  
<http://www.ceauk.org.uk/2010-conference-papers/full-papers/Bethuel-Full-Paper.pdf>

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### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- . Empirics Microeconomics/Micro econometrics
  - . International Trade and Finance
  - . Social-economic issues such as Poverty, Unemployment, Migration and Growth
  - . Comparative Studies in development economics in Sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia.
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### **COURSES AND TRAINING ATTENDED**

- 2013 Training Workshop on Investment Appraisal and Risk Analysis. Kenya School of Government. May 6-30th.
- 2013 Training Workshop on Research and Project Grant Proposal Writing, University of Nairobi Enterprise and Services Limited (UNES) April 22-29th.
- 2012 VI Institute training on Trade and Poverty. UNCTAD.
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### **LANGUAGES**

English, Kiswahili and Mother tongue. All fluent both spoken and written. Basic French

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### **PERSONAL**

Date of birth: 6th November, 1975. Married.

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**REFEREES**

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