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Personal Details

Date of Birth: 1976
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Current Position

- Research Fellow, University of Nairobi – Institute for Development Studies (June 2011 to Present, 2014)

Education Background

- 2008: Dr. Phil, University of Leipzig, Germany.
- 2004: M.A., Development Studies, University of Nairobi, Kenya.
- 2000: B.A., University of Nairobi, Kenya.
- 1994: Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education, Burieruri Boys Secondary School, Meru – Kenya.
- 1990: Kenya Certificate of Primary Education, Nduluma Primary School, Meru – Kenya.

Summary of Teaching and Research Experience

Teaching

- At the University, Michuki teaches the following: *Research Foundations; Issues in International Development*. He also teaches *Fundamentals of Development and their Application to Kenya*.

Research

- 2000 – To present: Involved in various research projects either as a Lead Researcher, Project Assistant or Research Assistant.
- August 2009 – May 2011: Junior Research Fellow, University of Nairobi – Institute for Development Studies.
- 2005 – 2009: Research Fellow at the German Institute for Area and Global Studies (GIGA), based in Hamburg, Germany.

Publications

Published Works

- 2015: A Book Review in the *Journal of Developing Economies*, Volume 53, Number 1 (March 2015). on : “*Ethnic Diversity and Economic Instability in Africa: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*” edited by Hiroyuki Hino, John Lonsdale, Gustav Ranis and Francis Stewart, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2012, xvii+335pp.
- 2013: Ngethe, N., Michuki, G. and Wanjiru, R. “*Police Reforms in Kenya: Perceptions and Expectations from Key Stakeholders*”, Discussion Paper No. 116/2012, IPAR.
- 2012: Oyuke, A. and Michuki, G. *Public Sector Reform and Service Delivery: A Study of the GJLOs and KLRGP Reform Programmes*. Nairobi. CLARION.
- 2011: *Trapped in Subsistence? A Study of Poor Rural Livelihoods in Rural Kenya With a Focus on Non-Agricultural Activities*, Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany.
- 2008: (George Michuki, Toman Mohamud and Jann Lay) “Few Opportunities, Much Desperation: The Dichotomy of Non-agricultural Activities and Inequality in Western Kenya” in *World Development Vol. 36, No. 12, pp, 2713 – 2732*.
- 2007: (with Jann Lay and Toman Mohamud) “Boda-boda’s Rule: Non-agricultural Activities and their Poverty and Inequality Implications in Western Kenya”; *German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) Working Paper No. 48, April 2007*.

Unpublished Research Reports from University Based Research Projects

- 2014: *A Review of Literature on “Towards Knowledge Societies: Empowering Communities for Prosperity”* (with Mwangi, J., Mitullah, W., and Munyange, M.), under the Elimika Project, funded by Ford Foundation.
- 2013: G. Michuki, P. Kamau, D. McCormick and C. Gatimu: “*The Policy Fit in Kenya’s Garment Industry*”, A Research Report Prepared for a Project Funded by IDRC and Undertaken at IDS, University of Nairobi.
- 2012: Michuki, G. “*State and Society: Structure and Process of Governance*” in the UNECA & UNDP Kenya Country Report on “Elections and the Management of Diversity in Africa”.
- 2012: P. Kamau, G. Michuki, D. McCormick and C. Gatimu: “*Adjusting to Chinese Ascendancy in the Global Clothing Industry: Kenya’s Experience*”, A Research Report Prepared for a Project Funded by IDRC and Undertaken at IDS, University of Nairobi.
- 2010: Michuki, G. “*Women, Culture and Decentralized Land Administration in Kenya*” Centre for Basic Research (CBR), Uganda, on the East Africa Wide Project on “Gender and Land Administration Decentralization” sponsored by IDRC and jointly carried out by CBR and IDS.

- 2009: George Michuki., Lone Risgaard., Peter Gibbon et al. “*The Performance of Voluntary Standard Schemes from the Perspective of Small Producers in East Africa*”, Danish Institute of International Studies.

Research Experience

Lead Researcher

- July, 2018: Independent Consultant for the County Capacity Assessment (Phase II), a project under the Agile and Harmonized Assistance for Devolved Institutions (AHADI), a five year USAID funded devolution support project implemented by the State University of New York, Center for International Development (SUNY/CID).
- July, 2017: Independent Consultant for the County Capacity Assessment (Phase II), a project under the Agile and Harmonized Assistance for Devolved Institutions (AHADI), a five year USAID funded devolution support project implemented by the State University of New York, Center for International Development (SUNY/CID).
- January, 2017 – February, 2017: Independent Consultant – Decentralization Researcher for the County Capacity Assessment, a project under the Agile and Harmonized Assistance for Devolved Institutions (AHADI), a five year USAID funded devolution support project implemented by the State University of New York, Center for International Development (SUNY/CID).
- February, 2016 – April 30, 2016: County Capacity Assessment, a project under the Agile and Harmonized Assistance for Devolved Institutions (AHADI).
- 2016 – February, 2017: Alcohol Situation Assessment in Embu, Machakos, Siaya, Murang’a, Kisumu and Kajiado counties, a study funded by IOGT- NTO MOVEMENT International Institute, and conducted for SCAD (Student Campaign Against Drug Abuse). (Contact person:- gunnar.lundstrom@iogt.se, phone +255 266 60 96 / +255 713 50 19 13)
- 2016: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Follow-Up Survey of the staff and students of Murang’a Teachers Training College. (Contact details: mtkenya@yahoo.com or Tel: 020 23 28 800 or Jean Kinyua at 0721 584 679)
- 2015: Education Sector Responses to Substance Use Among Young People in the ESA Region: Kenya Country Study. (Contact details: j.kamau@unesco.org and v.kisaakye@unesco.org)
- 2014: Alcohol and drug abuse baseline survey among employees of Chemelil Sugar Company (Contact: Procurement Department: rnyakundi@chemsugar.co.ke)
- 2014: Alcohol and drug abuse baseline survey among employees of Pyrethrum Board of Kenya. (Contact: Procurement Department: procurement@pyrethrum.co.ke or rctoo@pyrethrum.co.ke; pkaranja@pyrethrum.co.ke)
- 2014: Alcohol Situation Assessment in Kajiado North District, a study funded by IOGT- NTO MOVEMENT International Institute, and conducted for SCAD (Student Campaign Against Drug Abuse). (Contact person:- gunnar.lundstrom@iogt.se, phone +255 266 60 96 / +255 713 50 19 13)

- 2014: Alcohol Situation Assessment in Malindi, Murang'a North District and Siaya, a study funded by IOGT-NTO MOVEMENT International Institute, and conducted for the Kenya Girl Guides Association. *Contact person:- gunnar.lundstrom@iogt.se phone +255 266 60 96 / +255 713 50 19 13)*
- 2013: Alcohol and drug abuse baseline survey among employees of Higher Education Loans Board (*Contact: Procurement Department: joketch@helb.co.ke*)
- 2013: Alcohol and drug abuse baseline survey among employees of Athi Water Services Board (*Contact: Human Resources : Carolyn Asigo Jumba, limitu@awsboard.go.ke or cjumba@awsboard.go.ke, Tel: +254 -020- 2724292/3, Cell: +254 720814994)*)
- 2013: "A Baseline Survey on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among Employees of Murang'a Teachers Training College. (*Contact details: mtckeny@yahoo.com or Tel: 020 23 28 800 or Jean Kinyua at 0721 584 679*)
- 2013: Data analysis and report writing of 9 Public Sector Institutions, Kenya -Contracted by NACADA Authority. (*Contact: Mugambi Mwirichia or Morris Kamenderi, NACADA, Phone 020 2721997 Or 020 2721993, E-mail: mer@nacada.go.ke*)
- 2013: "A Baseline Survey on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among KFC Employees", prepared for NACADA. Kenya -Contracted by NACADA Authority. (*Contact: Mugambi Mwirichia or Morris Kamenderi, NACADA, Phone 020 2721997 Or 020 2721993, E-mail: mer@nacada.go.ke*)
- 2012 – February 2013: Lead Investigator, NTO Movement International Institute, Sweden on "Alcohol Situation in Nairobi and Siaya Counties. (*Contact details: E-Mail: gunnar.kraft@iogt.se phone +255 266 60 96 / +255 713 50 19 13)*)
- 2011: "A Baseline Survey on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among Retirement Benefits Authority Employees", prepared for NACADAA (*Contact: Mugambi Mwirichia or Morris Kamenderi, NACADA, Phone 020 2721997 Or 020 2721993, E-mail: mer@nacada.go.ke*)
- 2011: "A Baseline Survey on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among Kenya Film Classification Board Employees", prepared for NACADAA. (*Contact: Mugambi Mwirichia or Morris Kamenderi, NACADA, Phone 020 2721997 Or 020 2721993, E-mail: mer@nacada.go.ke*)
- 2011 – 2012: Strengthening Institutions for Equitable Development: Institutions for Responsibility and Resources, a Project Funded by ACT! and being Undertaken by the Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR). The study focused on police reforms in Kenya among other issues.
- 2010 - 2011: Strengthening Community Monitoring of Public Procurement Activities in Kenya, a project funded by Tetra Tech ARD and conducted by the Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR)
- 2010: Analyzing data and report writing for a baseline survey on alcohol and drug abuse among employees of 14 government agencies in Kenya. (*Contact: Mugambi Mwirichia or Morris Kamenderi, NACADA, Phone 020 2721997 Or 020 2721993, E-mail: mer@nacada.go.ke*)

- 2010: Analyzing data and report writing for a baseline survey on alcohol and drug abuse among KEMSA employees. *Contact: Mugambi Mwirichia or Morris Kamendri, NACADA, Phone: 020 2721997 or 020 2721993; E-mail: mer@nacada.go.ke*
- 2009: Data analysis and report writing assignment for the School Health and Nutrition Survey for the Save the Children USA program in Southern Sudan.
- 2009: Harvard Kennedy School Index of African Governance (i.e. data collection for the Kenyan component).
- 2008: A Social and Environmental Assessment of the Participants of the Tea Tree Project in the Mt. Kenya Region, TBTC, South Africa.
- 2008: Capacity Building for Better Governance Research: Insights from the Kenya Tracer Study. Department for International Development (DFID - UK).
- 2008: Mo-Ibrahim African Governance Index, Harvard University, USA (i.e. data collection for the Kenyan component).

Project Assistant / Coordinator / Co-Researcher

- 2013 (on-going): Researcher on “Political Economy of Poverty Reduction Policies in Kenya” (*with: Njuguna Ng’ethe; M. Jama, Obadia Okinda and Samuel Kiiru*)
- 2012: Deputy Investigator, National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Rapid Assessment Survey, a project carried out by NACADAA and targeting 3362 households. (*Contact: Mugambi Mwirichia or Morris Kamenderi, NACADA, Phone 020 2721997 Or 020 2721993, E-mail: mer@nacada.go.ke*)
- 2012: National Democratic Institute Nationwide and County Public Opinion Survey in Kenya.
- 2010 - 2012: Co-Researcher for the Kenyan component of “Adjusting to Chinese Ascendancy in the Global Clothing Industry” funded by the IDRC.
- 2009 – 2010 “Decentralization, Land Rights and the Construction of Women’s Citizenship in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Comparative Study of Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania” (i.e. coordinating the Kenyan component).
- 2008: African Governance Monitoring and Advocacy Project (AfriMAP), Institute for Development Studies – University of Nairobi & Open Society Institute.

Research Assistance

- 2013: Desk top review on the chapter on “Democracy and Political Governance” ACEG for the African Peer Review Mechanism.
- 2010: Assistant researcher for baseline survey on alcohol and drug use in Central Province, Kenya, and contracted by NACADA. (*Contact: Mugambi Mwirichia or Morris Kamenderi, NACADA, Phone 020 2721997 Or 020 2721993, E-mail: mer@nacada.go.ke*)
- 2010: Field Coordinator for the Maoni Project and contracted by the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation Monitoring Team, Nairobi – Kenya.

- 2009: Tradecraft Study, “A Comparison of Voluntary Standards’ Impact on Poverty: Case Studies of Tea and Coffee in East Africa” (A Study conducted through the Danish Institute of International Studies, participated in the Kenyan Component)
- 2009: Research Associate for the African Legislatures Project and contracted by the Centre for Social Science Research of the University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2009: Field Coordinator for the Maoni Project and contracted by the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation Monitoring Team, Nairobi Kenya.
- 2009: Rapporteur, Master Facility Registry Stakeholders Consensus Workshop, Co-organized by Ministry of Health (Kenya) and Phones for Health.
- 2008: Impact Assessment of Democracy and Governance Initiatives funded by the International Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries (HIVOS)
- 2007: Data Management, Save the Children USA.
- 2007: Development of Voter Education Materials, UNDP & ECK.
- 2007: Marie Stopes Kenya & Professional Training Consultants, on Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice Survey on Reproductive Health.
- 2004: Population Council- Kenya, on Behavior Change and Communication Study for Teachers in Kenya.
- 2004: Appraisal of Universal Access to Rural Communications, IDS – University of Nairobi; CCK & KNBS.
- 2002: Evaluation of the Voucher Training Programme in Kenya, ROK; PWC & The World Bank.
- 2001: Comparative Non-Profit Sector in Kenya, IDS –University of Nairobi & John Hopkins University, USA.

Special Capabilities

- Working knowledge of: SPSS and STATA
- Good interpersonal and communication skills; good analytical and report writing skills
- Proven diligence, absolute commitment to duty and commendable self –drive.

Research Interests

- Rural livelihoods, Governance, Drugs and Substance Abuse

Referees

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