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# Speakers Bio's



Allen Hicken

**Allen Hicken** is Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan where he is also an affiliate at the Center for Political Studies, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies. His work focuses on political institutions, political economy, and policy making with a special focus on Southeast Asia. Recent publications include a new book co-authored with Meredith Weiss, Edward Aspinall and Paul Hutchcroft on clientelism and money politics in Southeast Asia entitled *Mobilizing for Elections: Patronage and Political Machines in Southeast Asia* (forthcoming from Cambridge). He is also the author or (co-)editor of the following books: *Building Party Systems in Developing Democracies*, (Cambridge 2009), *Party and Party System Institutionalization in Asia* (Cambridge 2014), *Politics of Modern Southeast Asia: Critical Issues in Modern Politics* (Routledge 2010), *Electoral Dynamics in the Philippines: Money Politics, Patronage and Clientelism at the Grassroots* (NUS 2019).



Andy Harris

**Dr. Andy Harris** is an assistant professor of political science at New York University Abu Dhabi. He received his PhD in Government from Harvard University in 2012. Prior to joining NYUAD, Dr. Harris was appointed a prestigious Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford. His research focuses on African political economy with a focus on governance, bureaucracies, and research methodology, and employs structured and unstructured "big data" sources, satellite imagery, administrative records, and interview and archival sources in his research. Dr. Harris has published work in the *American Political Science Review*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, and *Political Analysis*. He regularly collaborates with governmental organizations like the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission of Kenya and the Kenya Law Reform Commission and international non-governmental organizations like the National Democratic Institute in the course of his research.



Alex Oguso

**Alex Oguso** is an Economist and Senior Researcher at Kenya Revenue Authority's Strategy, Innovation and Risk Management Department. He has over 10 years' work experience in both public and private sector in Kenya. He has also had consultancy engagements with the World Bank (Somalia office) and the Africa Tax Administration Forum. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Nairobi, Kenya, offered under the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Collaborative Ph.D. Programme with the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Nairobi and a Bachelor of Arts' degree in Economics and Mathematics from Egerton University, Kenya. His research interests include financial sector development, macro-fiscal policy issues, and international trade/finance. He has worked on a number of studies that have focused on fiscal policy and revenue administration in Kenya, and the revolution of digital financial services in Africa.



Arvinn Gadil

**Arvinn Gadil** has been engaged in governance and development policy for almost 20 years. Before joining UNDP he was Policy Director for International Development Policy in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Recently he has focused on issues such as domestic resource mobilization, addressing illicit financial flows, anti-corruption, fiscal stability, and global economic governance. He has also led a system-wide development policy analysis network to improve Norwegian development policy engagements. Arvinn has been Senior Director of the Norwegian Refugee Council and has held a number of board positions in academic institutions, civil society organizations and inter-governmental institutions. He held the roles of State Secretary, Deputy Minister and Junior Minister for international development, climate and environment over a period of six years in Norway. Trained as a career diplomat, he has also worked in Afghanistan and Sri Lanka. Arvinn holds degrees in development studies, economics and international studies from the UK and Norway. He is a Norwegian citizen, and an overseas citizen of India.



Barry Maydom

**Barry Maydom** is a Lecturer in Politics at Birkbeck College, University of London. His research focuses on the socio-political effects of emigration and remittances in migrants' homelands, political participation in developing countries, and political change in the contemporary Middle East. He is currently working on projects investigating popular conceptualisations of democracy in the Middle East and the effects of migration and remittances on perceptions of corruption and the fiscal contract in Africa and Latin America.



Boniface Dulani

**Boniface Dulani** is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Malawi and a Visiting Researcher at the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa, University of Cape Town, South Africa. Boniface holds a PhD in Comparative Politics with a minor in International Relations from Michigan State University, USA, obtained in 2011. Boniface is an experienced researcher using public opinion surveys to gauge the views, opinions, perceptions, and attitudes of ordinary citizens in Malawi and across Africa. Dulani is a member of the Afrobarometer, where he is Director of Surveys, overseeing survey activities in 36 African countries. He is also the founding partner and Director of Research and Operations at the Institute of Public Opinion and Research (IPOR), Malawi's leading social science research firm based in the University town of Zomba. His main areas of research and publications are African politics, focusing mostly on Democracy and Governance; presidential term limits; Political Economy Analysis, public health; participation of women and youth in politics, to give but a few examples.



Cecilia Ahsan Jansson

**Cecilia Ahsan Jansson** is currently doing her PhD in economics at the University of Gothenburg in which she focuses on development economics and behavioral economics. She has a special interest in experimental and quasi experimental methods. Prior to doing her PhD Cecilia worked with GLD as a data analyst, helping the researchers to develop and implement analysis plans. Her current research focuses on various topics within development economics, from the role of psychological factors for Indian farmers economic decision-making, to the determinants of tax morale in Sub Saharan Africa.



Christopher Carter

**Christopher Carter** is an Academy Scholar at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies and Research Associate at the Center on the Politics of Development at the University of California, Berkeley. He received his PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley in 2020. In his book project, he examines the emergence of indigenous and individual rights in Latin America. Research for this project won the 2020 APSA Best Fieldwork Award and 2021 Juan Linz Prize for Best Dissertation in the Comparative Study of Democracy. His research has been published in Comparative Political Studies; Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics; Perspectives on Politics; and Party Politics.



Christopher Gore

**Christopher Gore** is a Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at Ryerson University. He holds a PhD and MA in Political Science and Environmental Studies from the University of Toronto, and a BSc in natural resource management from the University of Guelph. Chris' work focuses on the governance and administration of urban and environmental issues in Africa and Canada. In recent years his work has focused mainly on the politics and multilevel governance of cities, infrastructure, climate change, climate adaptation, energy provision, and agriculture and food security in East Africa. Chris' research has appeared in journals such as World Development; African Affairs; Review of Policy Research; Environment and Planning C: Government & Policy; Journal of International Development; and Journal of Urban Affairs. In 2018 he published the book, Electricity in Africa: The Politics of Transformation in Uganda.



Connor Jerzak

**Connor Jerzak** received his Master's in Statistics and PhD in Government from Harvard University, where he was advised by Gary King, Kosuke Imai, and Xiang Zhou. During graduate school, he also worked as an intern at Adobe Research with Nikos Vlassis. After a one-year postdoc with Adel Daoud and the Observatory of Poverty project at Linköping University (Sweden), Connor will be joining the University of Texas at Austin as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Government. During his time as a visiting scholar at GLD, Connor's research will focus on using satellite data to improve our understanding of poverty in Africa.



Deodantus Patrick Shayo

**Deodatus Patrick Shayo** is a lecturer and researcher in the Department of Economics and Social Studies at Ardhi University, Tanzania. His PhD is in Political Science, obtained from Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Muenster, Germany, focused on crowdsourcing and digitalization of electoral integrity. He was awarded three years PhD scholarship by Germany Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) (October 2014 – September 2017). He has participated in several conferences, seminars and workshops – both national and international – with a focus on, digital governance, digital society and digital democracy. He is currently a Vice-Chair, International Political Science Association, Research Committee RC10-Electronic Democracy. His key research interests include digitality and crowdsourcing community-based social monitoring, online and offline participation, digital innovation and technology in local governance, gender digital inclusion, and digital government services.



Eliphaz Kuseni

**Eliphaz Kuseni** is a research associate at the department of director of research and outreach at Lilongwe University and Natural Resources (LUANAR) in Malawi. Eliphaz specializes in proposal writing, coordinating data collection activities, data analysis, report writing and drafting policies. His interest to become one of seasoned researchers and a good writer. He is finalizing his master's in Economics program with University of Malawi, Chancellor College.



Ellen Lust

**Ellen Lust** is the Founding Director of the Program on Governance and Local Development at Yale University (est. 2013), and then at the University of Gothenburg (est. 2015), and is Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg. She was previously a faculty member at Rice University (1997-2000) and at Yale University (2000-2015), chair of the Council on Middle East Studies at Yale University, and a visiting scholar at the Institute of Graduate Studies (Geneva, Switzerland) and at the Straus Institute at NYU. She is currently a Tällberg Stavros Niarchos Foundation Fellow. Ellen has authored numerous books, textbooks, and articles, including most recently, Safer Research in the Social Sciences: A Systematic Handbook for Human and Digital Security, (SAGE Publishing, 2020) in collaboration with Jannis Grimm, Kevin Koehler, Ilyas Saliba, and Isabell Schierenbeck. Ellen's current research is aimed at examining the role of social institutions in governance and developing governance indicators to systematically gauge sub-national variations in governance and development.



Eitan Paul

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**Helene Ahlberg** is Associate Professor at the Department of Technology Management and Economics, Chalmers. Her research is about energy transitions in East Africa, and the co-development of technology and society. She studies how provision of electricity services, based on renewable energy resources, impacts on people's lives and transforms rural and urban communities. Two themes are at the core of this work: power and politics, and the energy system's embedding in specific contexts. Her empirical work is focused on Tanzania and Rwanda and she coordinates the Swedish team in a Sida funded partnership and research training program on Sustainable Energy with University of Rwanda. She also co-leads an international program on energy use policy and inclusiveness under the International Energy Agency umbrella. Theoretically her work builds on and contributes to debates in the fields of energy and development, rural development, innovation studies, science and technology, sociocultures, feminist theory and power theory.



Inan Izci

**Inan Izci** earned his doctorate degree in Political Sciences at the Free University of Brussels (VUB) on metropolitan governance in the digital age. His professional life started in London at the Citizens Advice Bureau as Generalist Advice in 2001 where he provided advice and advocacy to citizens about their rights and responsibilities. In 2008, Dr. Izci continued his professional career at Istanbul Special Provincial Administration as the EU and Foreign Affairs Expert. Between the period of 2009 and 2014, he led the EU and Foreign Affairs Unit of the Sarıyer Municipality, Istanbul. Between 2017 and 2019, he undertook the role of Local Governance Expert for Argüden Governance Academy. Additionally, in 2019, he acted as a consultant for the World Bank's project on Municipal Fiscal Governance project. He currently coordinates the projects on metropolitan governance and integrated local governance for the Academy. Over the years, he has been invited to speak at global events organized by the United Nations, the OECD, and the World Bank to share his experience and insights. Also, he has produced various articles, publications and edited a book on local governance.



James Donovan

**James Donovan** has worked for the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) for more than 30 years. He has particularly worked with public administration, public financial management, taxation, local government, anti-corruption, and capacity development. In addition to Stockholm, he has been stationed in Nairobi, Hanoi and Brussels. He is currently senior policy specialist at Sida's Department for Africa, working with Sida's Public Agency Hub to increase and make more effective Sida's cooperation with other Swedish public agencies. He is an economist and studied at the University of Stockholm, the University of Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne) and Dartmouth College



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Nsama Chikwanka

**Nsama Chikwanka** has over 20 years of progressive project and program management experience, having worked with national, regional, and international development and humanitarian organisations, at various levels and capacities. He has developed governance systems, designed and effected community mobilisation strategies, planned and facilitated a wide range of sessions to empower adults with skills and knowledge that makes them agents of desired change. He's experience in research, advocacy planning, project management, multi-stakeholder mobilisation and talent growth. He's the National Coordinator of Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Zambia, a coalition of over 30 CSOs that advocate for a more open and transparent extractive sector. He is a sociopreneur promoting foundational literacy skills among children from disadvantaged communities, using proceeds from two of my businesses: a food supply and a development consultancy firm. Academically, he holds a MA in development studies, a BA in adult education and a diploma in environmental health.



Peter Kayula

**Peter Kayula** is a Zambian journalist, author, researcher, part-time university lecturer and a PhD candidate (in Social and Cultural Anthropology) with over 15 years of journalism and media management experience. He had a senior position as Chief Sub Editor of a Government Owned Newspaper, *The Times of Zambia* from 2009 to 2012. He wrote and published his first book *Rumour of an Angel*, which was one of the 2017 Amazon best sellers. He has also written: *Trade, Investment and African Society* in 2018 - a collection of his articles written over period of two years on China's investment interest in Africa and the implications of such cooperation. In 2021, Peter Kayula was nominated as a candidate for the 2021 International Center for Journalists Knight International (ICFJ) Journalism Award. For the last four years, he has been teaching (part-time) master's programme at the university and has been engaged in various research projects in Zambia and some parts of Africa including a major one on renewable energy – scaling up of small scale enterprises involvement in renewable energy projects which covered Zambia and South Africa.



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**Thabit Jacob**

**Thabit Jacob** is a Postdoctoral Researcher. His research interest is broadly on the political economy of development with a close focus on the politics of the extractive industries and energy. His most recent research has examined the politics of resource nationalism, and in particular, the role state-owned enterprises play in shaping nationalist interventions in the extractive sectors in Tanzania. While at GLD, Thabit will be part of the intellectual community, helping to extend GLD's understanding of local engagement with sustainable energy practices. His primary research will focus on a Danish-funded project on the political economy of renewable energy transition in Africa. This project, which begins in late 2021 will be analyzing the extent to which renewable energy is prioritized in Ghana (Thabit's focus) and Tanzania, examining state capacity, policy coalitions between different actors and technological adoption. Prior to joining the University of Gothenburg, he was a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Danish Institute for International Studies. He received his PhD from the Department of Social Sciences and Business at Roskilde University where he was supervised by Lars Buur.



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