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## EDUCATION

2017- Current: PhD Student, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg- Sweden

2013- 2015: MSc Global Studies, Roskilde University- Denmark

2008- 2012: B.A Political Science with IT, Maseno University- Kenya

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**May- June 2013:** Research Assistant for a Feasibility Study on a peacebuilding project in Northern Kenya funded by World Vision, Kenya

**February- March 2017:** Research Assistant for a data collection exercise on youth radicalization by UNDP in western Kenya.

**April- June 2017:** Consultant for a Peace Building Project in Turkana and West Pokot

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*September 2013- August 2017:*

Part time tutor and Tutorial Fellow at the School of Development and Strategic Studies teaching various undergraduate courses in Political Science and International Relations. Some of the courses that I have taught include: *Introduction to Political Theory; Strategic and National Security Studies; Politics of Social Movements; Introduction to Political Sociology; Introduction to International Law; Politics of Industrialization and Agriculture in Africa; Rural Development Strategies in Kenya; International Organizations; African States and International Law; and Third World Politics*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2017/2018- Young African Scholar Fellow – Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

n/a

## SKILLS AND TRAINING

12 -25 August 2015- University of Zurich (Business and Human Rights)- Summer School

14- 31 January 2013 –World Bank e-Institute (Certificate in Modern Conflict, Violence and Fragility)

3 March 2014- 4 April 2014- World Bank e-Institute (Parliaments and Fragile States)

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

n/a

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

**June 11-14, 2019:** *8th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 2019)-University of Edinburg* (paper presentation)

**September 11-13, 2018:** *27th biennial conference of the African Studies Association of the UK (ASAUk) held at the University of Birmingham.* (paper presentation)

**August 22-23, 2018:** *Development Research Conference, University of Gothenburg* (two paper presented)

**September 12-13, 2019:** *Ethnographies of Megaprojects: Social and Political Worlds of Large-Scale Infrastructures- Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Conference Papers

Transport corridors and ‘frontier’ transformation: exploring the changing perceptions of northern Kenya in the wake of the LAPSSET transport corridor project. (June 2019)

*Jan Bachmann* (University of Gothenburg) & *Benard Musembi Kilaka* (University of Gothenburg)

What is Mega about Mega-Projects? (September 2019)

*Theodor Aalders, Jan Bachmann, Per Knutsson & Benard Musembi Kilaka*

When Comrades Become Radicalized: Students’ Fears, Everyday Relations and Perceptions of Security in Moi University, Kenya (September 2018)

*Benard Musembi*

The rush for oil and gas in Kenya: Does community grievances matter?

*Michael Omondi Owiso, Maseno University, Kenya; Bernard Kilaka Musembi, Gothenburg University, Sweden* (August 2018)

Controversial corridor: Towards a research agenda for exploring the political dimension of the LAPSSET development corridor in Kenya.

*Jan Bachmann, University of Gothenburg, Sweden; Per Knutsson, University of Gothenburg, Sweden; Hussein Mahmoud, Technical University of Mombasa; Benard Kilaka, University of Gothenburg, Sweden* (August 2018)

### Book Chapter

- One chapter under review

### Journal article

- One article under review