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Lecturer in Economic Cultures,
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. 2022- Lecturer in Economic Cultures, Department of History (School of Arts, Languages and Cultures), University of Manchester.
2. 2018-2022: Presidential Fellow in Economic Cultures, Department of History (School of Arts, Languages and Cultures), University of Manchester.
3. 2017-2018: Resident research fellow, Institut d'Etudes Avancées de Nantes
4. 2014-2017: Lecturer in Economic History, Department of History, University of Sussex.
5. 2013: Visiting research fellow, Centre for the History of Political Economy — Department of Economics, Duke University.

EDUCATION

1. 2010-2015: Ph.D. in Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science.
2. 2008-2010: M.Sc. in Economic History (Research), London School of Economics and Political Science.
3. 2005-2008: B.Sc. in Economics and Management for the Arts, Culture and Communication, Bocconi University (Milan, Italy).

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

1. Forthcoming (2025): *Marching with the Times: Economic Knowledge as Political Imagination in Nkrumah's Ghana* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, under contract).

EDITED JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES

1. Forthcoming (2025): 'New Voices on Nigerian Economic History' (co-edited with Olutayo Adesina), special issue of *Economic History of Developing Regions*.
2. 2020: Symposium on 'Economists and Authoritarian Regimes in the 20th Century' (co-edited with Federico D'Onofrio), *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, 38B.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Forthcoming (2025): 'Soviet Journeys: Maurice Dobb and Joan Robinson as Travel Writers', *History of Political Economy*.
2. 2022: 'Economic Inequality and Political Imagination in Ghana: JOB. Danquah on Poverty, Land and Community', *Global Intellectual History* (early view, published online June 2022).
3. 2022: 'Reports from China: Joan Robinson as Observer and Travel Writer, 1953-1978' (with Mauro Boianovsky), *History of Political Economy*, 53:4, 547-569.
4. 2021: 'Contested Numbers: Census Controversies and the Press in 1960s Nigeria' (with Morten Jerven; Serra first author), *The Journal of African History*, 62:2, 235-253.

5. 2020: 'Hidden Agency: Economists and Authoritarian Regimes in the 20th Century' (with Federico D'Onofrio), *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, 38B, 3-16.
6. 2019: 'The Politics of Socialist Education in Ghana: The Kwame Nkrumah Ideological Institute, 1961-66' (with Frank Gerits; Serra first author), *The Journal of African History*, 60:3, 407-428.
7. 2019: 'Arthur Lewis and the Classical Foundations of "Development": Economic History and Institutional Change', (with Federico D'Onofrio), *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, 37A, 157-164.
8. 2018: 'Development Indicators at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, 1980-1990: Statistical Visions in the Era of Structural Adjustment', *Histoire & Mesure*, xxxiii:1, 149-172.
9. 2018: '"Hail the Census Night": Trust and Political Imagination in the 1960 Population Census of Ghana', *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 60:3, 359-387.
10. 2018: 'Pleas for Fieldwork: Polly Hill on Induction and Observation, 1966-1982', *Research in History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, 36B, 93-108.
11. 2014: 'An Uneven Statistical Topography: The Political Economy of Household Budget Surveys in Late Colonial Ghana, 1951-1957', *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, 35: 1, 9-27.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Forthcoming (2025): 'Statistical Pan-Africanism: The UN Economic Commission for Africa in the 1960s' in Martin Sango, Monsuru Muritala, Mutiat Oladejo, Felix Ajiola and Boye Alabi (eds.) *Nigeria and the Global Economy since 1900: A Festschrift in Honour of Professor Olutayo Charles Adesina*.
2. Forthcoming (2024): 'Spectral Political Economies: Reassessing the Ghana-GuineaMali Union (1958-63)' (with Katie Monaghan; Serra first author), in Gareth Austin and Kofi Adjepong-Boateng (eds.), *The Political Economy of Ghana in the Long Twentieth Century*.
3. Forthcoming (2024): 'W. Artur Lewis and Economic Development: A Manchester Story', in Stuart Jones (ed.) *Manchester Minds: A University History of Ideas*. Manchester: Manchester University Press.
4. 2014: 'West Africa' (with Gareth Austin) in Vincent Barnett (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of the History of Global Economic Thought*. London and New York: Routledge, 243-256.

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHIES

1. Forthcoming (2024): 'Economic Thought', *Oxford Bibliographies in African Studies*.

WORKING PAPERS

1. 2021 : 'Reports from China: Joan Robinson as an Observer and Travel Writer, 1953-78' (with Mauro Boianovsky), *Centre for the History of Political Economy*, Duke University, 2021-18.
2. 2014: 'Continental Visions: Ann Seidman, Reginald H. Green and the Economics of African Unity in 1960s Ghana', *Centre for the History of Political Economy*, Duke University, 2014-08.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Forthcoming, 2024: 'Review of Poverty and Wealth in East Africa: A Conceptual History by Rhiannon Stephens', *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*.
2. 2022: 'Review of The Idea of Development in Africa: A History by Corrie Decker and Elisabeth McMahon', *Economia History, Methodology, Philosophy*, 12:2, 345-349.

3. 2021: 'Review of Monetary Transitions: Currencies, Colonialism and African Societies, edited by Karin Pallaver', *Afriche e Orienti*, XXIV: 2, 188-191.
4. 2021 : 'Review of Economic Knowledge in Socialism, 1945-1989, edited by Till D ppe and Ivan Boldyrev', *History of Economic Ideas*, XXIX:2, 200-205.
5. 2016: 'Review of Sir Arthur Lewis: A Biography by Paul Mosley and Barbara Ingham' , *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 38:4, 564-568.
6. 2014: 'Review of Comparative Responses to Globalization: Experiences of British and Japanese Enterprises, edited by Maki Umemura and Rika Fujioka', *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 36: 4, 521-524.
7. 2013: 'Review of The Dissemination of Economic Ideas, edited by Heinz D. Kurz, Tamotsu Nishizawa and Keith Tribe'. *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 35:4, 558-561.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting appointments

Graduate Seminar in Global Cultures, University of Bologna (5-8 February 2024)

At the University of Manchester (since 2018)

Undergraduate:

Level I Undergraduate Programme Director (2022-2023)

Course Unit Director: 'Africa and Development: A Political History of the Social Sciences' (level 3, 2023-); 'Colonial Encounters: Race, Violence and the Making of the Modern World' (level 2, 2021-2022); 'Capitalism in Historical Perspective, 1700-1913' (levels 1 and 2, 2022-2023)

Lectures and seminars in 'History in Practice'; 'Colonial Encounters'; 'Capitalism in Historical Perspective, 1700-1913', 'Africa and Development: A Political History of the Social Sciences'.

Postgraduate:

Course Unit Director, 'Landscapes of Modernity' (2021-2022).

Lectures and seminars in 'Landscapes of Modernity'; 'Cultural Theory for Historians'; 'Historical Research'; 'Capital and the Making of Modern Society'.

At the University of Sussex (2015-2017)

Undergraduate:

Course Unit Director, 'Ideas of History' (level 2) and '1957: Ghana's Independence and Africa's Postcolonial Dream' (level 2).

Lectures and seminars in 'Ideas of History' (level 2); 'The Early Modern World' (level 1); 'The Making of the Modern World' (level 1); 'Global History' (level 2); 'The History of Now' (level 1).

At the London School of Economics and Political Science (2010-2013):

Undergraduate:

Graduate teaching assistant and seminar tutor in 'Africa and the World Economy, 1500-2000' (level 2); 'LSE 100: An Introduction to the Social Sciences' (level 1).

REFEREEING AND EDITORIAL SERVICE

Journals: Comparative Studies in South Asia, Africa and the Middle East; Economic History of Developing Regions; Global Perspectives; Historical Journal; History of Economic Ideas; History of Political Economy; Journal of African History; Journal of Global History; Journal of Social History; Journal of the History of Economic Thought; Nations and Nationalism; *conomia: History / Methodology / Philosophy*; *Politique Africaine*; Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology; Southern Journal of Contemporary History; Zambia Social Science Journal.

Book manuscripts: James Currey (West African Studies); Manchester University Press; Palgrave Macmillan.

Editorial board membership: Cambridge Elements (Cambridge University Press- History of Economic Thought series); Comparative Studies in South Asia, Africa and the Middle East (contributing editor); Journal of the History of Economic Thought (book review advisory board); Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology; (*Economia: History / Methodology / Philosophy*).

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES