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BACKGROUND

Dr. Danielle Resnick is a Senior Research Fellow in the Markets, Trade, and Institutions at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and a Non-Resident Fellow at Brookings Institution Global Economy and Development program. Key research areas include the political economy of agricultural, nutrition, and international development policy, food systems governance, informal trade, urban and city food systems, decentralization, and democratization. She has conducted analysis, policy outreach, and/or fieldwork in and on multiple countries, including Botswana, Burkina Faso, Ghana, India, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, and Zambia.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Government	Cornell University, USA (2010)
M.A. Government	Cornell University, USA (2008)
M.Sc. Development Studies	London School of Economics and Political Science, UK (2003)
B.S. International Political Economy	Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, USA (2002)

EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Oct-2023-Present	Senior Research Fellow , IFPRI Non-Resident Fellow , Brookings Institution, Washington, DC
Sept-2021-Sept 2023	David M. Rubenstein Fellow , Brookings Institution, Washington, DC
April 2016-Sept 2021	Senior Research Fellow , IFPRI, Washington, DC
Sept 2013-Mar 2016	Research Fellow , IFPRI, Washington, DC
Jul 2010-Aug 2013	Research Fellow , UNU-WIDER, Helsinki, Finland

EXPERT ADVISORY ROLES

June 2023-Present	World Bank , Expert Advisory Group for Poverty and Equity Global Practice
Mar 2023-Present	UN-High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition , drafting team for 2024 Report on <i>Strengthening Urban Agri-Food Systems</i>
Jan 2021-Present	Food System Countdown Initiative with FAO, GAIN, Columbia, Cornell, and Johns Hopkins Universities, co-lead of governance pillar
Jan 2021-Present	Bertelsmann Economic and Political Transformation Index , Zambia country expert
May 2020-Dec 2021	Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (2020-2021), Expert Advisory Panel for Keeping Urban Markets Working under COVID-19, with a focus on Mozambique

Oct 2018- Dec 2020

Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition, Lead Expert Group for Foresight 2.0 Report on *Future Food Systems: For people, our planet, and prosperity*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 7) [*The Political Economy of Food System Transformation: Pathways to Progress in a Polarized World*](#). 2023. Oxford University Press (co-edited with Johan Swinnen).
- 6) [*Sustaining Africa's agrifood system transformation: The role of public policies*](#). 2020. Washington, DC: IFPRI (co-edited with Xinshen Diao and Getaw Tadesse)
- 5) [*Ghana's Economic and Agricultural Transformation: Past Experience and Future Prospects*](#). 2019. Oxford University Press (co-edited with Xinshen Diao, Peter Hazell, and Shashi Kolavalli)
- 4) [*African Development: Making Sense of the Issues and Actors \(3rd Edition\)*](#). 2018. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers (co-authored with Todd Moss).
- 3) [*African Youth and the Persistence of Marginalization: Employment, politics, and prospects for change*](#). 2015. London, UK: Routledge (co-edited with James Thurlow)
- 2) [*Urban Poverty and Party Populism in African Democracies*](#). 2013. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.
- 1) [*Democratic Trajectories in Africa: Unraveling the Impact of Foreign Aid*](#). 2013. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press (co-edited with Nicolas van de Walle).

Journal Articles

- 44) "Navigating interactions across food systems for transformative change in the countdown to 2030," forthcoming, *Nature Food* (with Kate Schneider, Roseline Remans, Tesfaye Hailu Bekele, Destan Aytengin, et al.)
- 43) "Defining and measuring policy coherence for food system transformation: A scoping review." 2024. *Global Food Security*, Vol.43, December (with Deviana Dewi, Destan Aytengin, Kate Schnieder, Namukolo Covic, Jessica Fanzo, and Stella Nordhagen).
- 42) "Political Economy of Agriculture and Food Policy in Africa." 2024. *Annual Review of Resource Economics*, Vol.16: 255-276.
- 41) "Divergent Beliefs about Food Safety in Nigeria," 2024. *Global Food Security* Vol.41, June (with Saweda Liverpool-Tasie and Ayala Wineman)
- 40) "Securing the Peace or Renegotiating the Political Settlement? Understanding Popular Support for Post-Conflict Constitutions," 2024. *Democratization* (with Jordan Kyle)
- 39) "Voice, Access, and Ownership: The Enabling Environment for Nutrition Advocacy," 2024. *Food Security*, Vol.16: 637-658 (with Kola Anigo, Folake Anjorin, and Shilpa Deshpande)

- 38) “The state of food systems worldwide in the countdown to 2030,” 2023. [Nature Food](#), Vol.4: 1090-1110 (with Kate Schneider, Jessica Fanzo, Lawrence Haddad, Mario Herrero, et al.).
- 37) “Food systems transformation requires strategic attention to political economy,” 2023. [Nature Food](#), Vol.4: 1020-1021 (with Johan Swinnen).
- 36) “Illiberal Democracy and Nutrition Advocacy,” 2023. [Development Policy Review](#), Vol.41(6) (with Shilpa Deshpande).
- 35) “Mayoral Elections and Partisan Dynamics in Africa’s Local Governments,” 2023. [Democratization](#), 30:7:1195-1214.
- 34) “Political Trust and Informal Traders in African Cities,” 2023. [Journal of Modern African Studies](#) (with Bhavna Sivasubramanian).
- 33) “Organizational Commitment in Local Government Bureaucracies: The Case of Zambia,” 2022. [Governance](#), 36(3): 933-962 (with Gilbert Siame).
- 32) “Advocacy organizations and nutrition policy in Nigeria: Identifying metrics for enhanced efficacy,” 2022. [Health Policy and Planning](#), 37(8): 963-978 (with Kola Anigo and Olufolakemi Mercy Anjorin).
- 31) “Zambia: How the Opposition Won,” 2022. [Journal of Democracy](#). Vol.33, Issue 1: 70-84.
- 30) “Viewpoint: Rigorous monitoring is necessary to guide food system transformation in the countdown to the 2030 global goals,” 2021. [Food Policy](#). Vol.104. (with Jessica Fanzo, Lawrence Haddad, Kate Schneider, et al.)
- 29) “Does accountability undermine service delivery? The impact of devolving agriculture in Ghana,” 2022. [European Journal of Development Research](#). Vol.34: 1003-1029.
- 28) “SARS-CoV-2 Surveillance in the Middle East and North Africa: Longitudinal Trend Analysis.” 2021. [Journal of Medical Internet Research](#), Vol.23(1) (with Lori Post, Emily Marogi, et al.).
- 27) “Taxing informality: Compliance and Policy Preferences in urban Zambia.” 2021. [Journal of Development Studies](#). Vol.57(7): 1063-1085.
- 26) “Informal vendors and food systems planning in an emerging African city.” 2021. [Food Policy](#). Vol.103 (with Stacey Giroux, Jordan Blekking, Kurt Waldman, and Daniel Fobi).
- 25) “The politics of urban governance in sub-Saharan Africa.” 2021, [Regional & Federal Studies](#). Vol.31(1): 139-161.
- *Nominated for RFS annual prize*
- 24) “A SARS-CoV-2 Surveillance System in Sub-Saharan Africa: Modeling Study for Persistence and Transmission to Inform Policy.” 2020. [Journal of Medical Internet Research](#), Vol. 22(11) (with Lori Ann Post, Salem T Argaw, Cameron Jones, et al.)
- 23) “Political economy of food system reform.” 2020. [Nature Food](#). Vol.1(March): 154.

- 22) "The Politics of Crackdowns on Africa's Informal Workers," 2019. [*Comparative Politics*](#). Vol.52(1): 21-51.
- 21) "The Enabling Environment for Informal Food Traders in Nigeria's Secondary Cities," 2019. [*Urban Forum*](#). Vol.30(4):385-405. (with Bhavna Sivasubramanian, Idiong Christopher Idiong, Michael Akindele Ojo, and Likita Tanko).
- 20) "Delivering More with Less? Subnational Service Provision in Low Capacity States," 2019. [*Studies in Comparative and International Development*](#). Vol.54(1): 133-163. (with Jordan Kyle).
- 19) "The Kaleidoscope Model of Policy Change: Applications to food security policy in Zambia," 2018, [*World Development*](#). Vol.109: 101-120. (with Steve Haggblade, Suresh Babu, Sheryl Hendriks, and David Mather).
- 18) "Democracy, Decentralization, and District Proliferation: The Case of Ghana," 2017, [*Political Geography*](#). Vol.59: 47-60.
- 17) "The Political Economy of Africa's Emergent Middle Class: Retrospect and Prospects," 2015, [*Journal of International Development*](#). Vol.27(5): 568-587. (Special issue editor)
- 16) "Matching Concepts with Measurement: Who Belongs to Africa's Middle Class?" 2015, [*Journal of International Development*](#), Vol.27(5): 588-608(with James Thurlow and Dumebi Ubogu).
- 15) "The Middle Class and Democratic Consolidation in Zambia," 2015, [*Journal of International Development*](#), Vol.27(5): 693-715.
- 14) "Young Populations in Young Democracies: Generational Voting Behavior in sub-Saharan Africa." 2014. [*Democratization*](#) (with Daniela Casale). Vol.21, Issue 6: 1172-1194.
- 13) "Urban Governance and Service Delivery in African Cities: The Role of Politics and Policies." 2014. [*Development Policy Review*](#), Vol.32, Issue S1:3-17. (Special issue editor)
- 12) "Strategies of Subversion in Vertically-Divided Contexts: Decentralization and Urban Service Delivery in Senegal." 2014. [*Development Policy Review*](#), Vol.32, Issue S1:61-80.
- 11) "Aiding Government Effectiveness in Developing Countries: Introduction to the Special Symposium." 2014. [*Public Administration and Development*](#), Vol. 34(3): 141-148. (with Rachel Gisselquist).
- 10) "Compromise and Contestation: Understanding the Drivers and Implications of Coalition Behavior in Africa." 2014. [*Journal of African Elections*](#), Vol.13(1): 43-65.
- 9) "Continuity and Change in Senegalese Party Politics: Lessons from the 2012 Elections," 2013. [*African Affairs*](#). Vol. 112, No. 449: 623-645.
- 8) "Do Electoral Coalitions Facilitate Democratic Consolidation in Africa?" 2013. [*Party Politics*](#). Vol.19, No.5: 735-757.
- 7) "Opposition Parties and the Urban Poor in African Democracies," 2012. [*Comparative Political*](#)

[Studies](#). Vol. 45, Issue 11: 1351-1377.

- 6) “The Political Economy of Green Growth: Cases from Southern Africa,” 2012. [Public Administration and Development](#). Vol. 32: 215-228 (with James Thurlow and Finn Tarp).
- 5) “In the Shadow of the City: Africa’s Urban Poor in Opposition Strongholds,” 2011. [Journal of Modern African Studies](#), Vol. 49, No.1: 141-166.
- 4) “The Political Economy of Policies for Smallholder Agriculture,” 2010. [World Development](#), Vol.38, Issue 10: 1442-1452 (with Regina Birner).
- 3) “Agricultural Strategy Development in West Africa: The False Promise of Participation?” 2010. [Development Policy Review](#), Vol. 28, No.1: 97-115 (with Regina Birner).
- 2) “The Benefits of Frame Resonance Disputes for Transnational Movements: The Case of Botswana’s Central Kalahari Game Reserve,” 2009. [Social Movement Studies](#), Vol.8, Issue 1: 53-70.
- 1) “Biofortified Foods and Crops in West Africa: Mali and Burkina Faso.” 2007. [AgBioForum](#), Vol.10(3):1-9. (with Regina Birner, Sanibé Abel Kone, Nicolas Linacre, and Danielle Resnick)

Book Chapters

- 33) “Improving governance to create supportive environments for diet and nutrition policies,” 2024, chapter 8 in Purnima Menon and Deanna Olney (eds.), *Global Food Policy Report 2024: Food Systems for Healthy Diets and Nutrition*. Washington, DC: IFPRI (with Maria Teresa Nogales).
- 32) “Fragile dominance? The rise and fall of urban strategies for political settlement maintenance and change in Zambia,” chapter 6 in Tom Goodfellow and David Jackman (eds.), *Controlling the Capital: Political Dominance in the Urbanizing World*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (with Marja Hinfelaar and Sishuwa Sishuwa).
- 31) “Urban Informality and Climate Change in Accra, Ghana,” 2022, chapter in *State and Trends in Adaptation*. Rotterdam, The Netherlands: Global Center on Adaptation. (with Louise Fox)
- 30) “Food Systems Transformation and Local Governance,” 2022, chapter 2 in *Global Hunger Index Report*. Germany and Ireland: Welthungerhilfe and Concern WorldWide.
- 29) “The Enabling Environment for Informal Food Traders in Nigeria’s Secondary Cities.” chapter 6 in Liam Riley and Jonathan Crush (eds), *Transforming Urban Food Systems in Secondary Cities in Africa*. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan. (with Bhavna Sivasubramanian, Idiong Christopher Idiong, Michael Akindele Ojo, and Likita Tanko).
- 28) “Repurposing agricultural support: Creating food systems incentives to address climate change,” 2022, chapter 2 in Jo Swinnen and Channing Arndt (eds), *Global Food Policy Report 2022: Climate Change and Food Systems*. Washington, DC: IFPRI. (with Rob Vos and Will Martin).

- 27) “Resilience: From Policy Responses to Resilient Policy Systems,” chapter 2 in Jo Swinnen and John McDermott (eds), *Global Food Policy Report 2021: Transforming Food Systems after Covid-19*. Washington, DC: IFPRI. (with John McDermott and Nichola Naylor).
- 26) “The political economy of agricultural policy in Africa: Implications for agrifood system transformation,” 2020, chapter 14 in Danielle Resnick, Xinshen Diao, and Getaw Tadesse (eds.), *Sustaining Africa’s agrifood system transformation: The role of public policies*. Washington, DC: IFPRI.
- 25) “Urban food systems and diets, nutrition, and health of the poor: Challenges, opportunities, and research gaps,” 2020, in Jonathan Crush, Bruce Frayne, and Gareth Haysom (eds.), *International Handbook on Urban Food Security in the Global South*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar (with Marie Ruel, Jef Leroy, Olivier Ecker, Manual Hernandez, and James Thurlow)
- 24) “Nepal’s Changing Governance Structure and Implications for Agricultural Development,” 2019, in Ganesh Thapa, Anjani Kumar, and P.K. Joshi (eds.), *Agricultural Transformation in Nepal: Trends, Prospects, and Policy Options* Springer. (with Jordan Kyle)
- 23) “Urban politics in Africa,” 2019 in Gabrielle Lynch and Peter von Doepp (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of African Democratization*. New York and London: Routledge.
- 22) “Trouble Makers, Bystanders, and Pathbreakers: The Political Participation of African Youth,” 2019, chapter in *Youth and Jobs in Rural Africa: Beyond Stylized Facts*, James Thurlow and Valerie Mueller (eds), Oxford University Press.
- 21) “Strong democracy, weak state: The political economy of Ghana’s stalled structural transformation,” chapter 3 in Xinshen Diao, Peter Hazell, Shashi Kolavalli, and Danielle Resnick (eds.), *Ghana’s economic and agricultural transformation: Past performance and future prospects*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 20) “Conclusion,” chapter 10 in Xinshen Diao, Peter Hazell, Shashi Kolavalli, and Danielle Resnick (eds.), *Ghana’s economic and agricultural transformation: Past performance and future prospects*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. (with Xinshen Diao, Peter Hazell, and Shashi Kolavalli)
- 19) “Introduction,” chapter 1 in Xinshen Diao, Peter Hazell, Shashi Kolavalli, and Danielle Resnick (eds.), *Ghana’s economic and agricultural transformation: Past performance and future prospects*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. (with Xinshen Diao, Peter Hazell, and Shashi Kolavalli)
- 18) “Governance and Rural Revitalization,” 2019, chapter in *Global Food Policy Report*. Washington, DC: IFPRI. (with Katrina Kosec)
- 17) “The influence of populist leaders on African democracy,” 2019, chapter 17 in Carlos de la Torre (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Global Populism*. New York and London: Routledge.
- 16) “The policymaking process and its stages: Introducing the Kaleidoscope Model for food security policy analysis,” 2019, chapter in Sheryl Hendriks (ed.), *Food Security Policy, Evaluation and Impact Assessment*. Abington, UK: Routledge (with Suresh Babu and Steve Haggblade)

- 15) "Foreign Aid and Democratization in Developing Countries," 2018, chapter 20 in Nicolas van de Walle and Carol Lancaster (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of the Politics of Development*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 14) "Contemporary Populist Strategies across African Democracies: Comparative Analysis for Conceptual Clarity," 2017, chapter 5 in Cristóbal Kaltwasser, Pierre Ostiguy, Paul Taggart (eds.), *Oxford Handbook on Populism*, . Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 13) "The Political Economy of Zambia's Recovery: Structural Change without Transformation?" 2017, chapter in M. McMillan, D. Rodrik and C. Sepúlveda (eds.), *Structural Change, Fundamentals and Growth*. Washington, DC USA: IFPRI. (with James Thurlow)
- 12) "Urban Food Security and Safety in Africa: Role of Governance and the Informal Economy," 2017. *Global Food Policy Report*. Washington, DC: IFPRI.
- 11) "Devolution in Pakistan: Implications for Agriculture and Rural Development," 2016, chapter 9 in David Spielman, Sohail Malik, Paul Dorosh, and Nuzhat Ahmad (eds), *Agriculture and the Rural Economy in Pakistan: Issues, Outlooks, and Policy Priorities*. Washington, DC: IFPRI (with Abdul Wajid Rana).
- 10) "Varieties of African Populism in Comparative Perspective," 2015, chapter 11 in Carlos de la Torre (ed.), *The Promise and Perils of Populism: Global Perspectives*, University of Kentucky Press: 317-347.
- 9) "Protesting for a better tomorrow? Youth mobilization in Africa," 2015, chapter 3 in Danielle Resnick and James Thurlow (eds.), *African Youth and the Persistence of Marginalization: Employment, politics, and prospects for change*. London, UK: Routledge.
- 8) "The Political Economy of Food Price Policy in Senegal," 2014. Chapter 14 in Per Pinstrup-Andersen (ed.), *Food Price Policy in an Era of Market Instability: A Political Economy Analysis*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press: 296-318.
- 7) "Africa in Contemporary Perspective," 2014. Chapter 6 (Part V) in *Concise Encyclopedia of Comparative Sociology*, edited by Masamichi Sasaki, Jack Goldstone, and Ekkart Zimmermann. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers (with Nicolas van de Walle): 593-612.
- 6) Introduction: Why Foreign Aid and Democracy? Why Africa?" 2013. Chapter 1 in Danielle Resnick and Nicolas van de Walle, *Democratic Trajectories in Africa: Unraveling the Impact of Foreign Aid*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 5) "Democratization in Africa: What Role for External Actors," 2013. Chapter 2 in Danielle Resnick and Nicolas van de Walle, *Democratic Trajectories in Africa: Unraveling the Impact of Foreign Aid*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 4) "Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: The Limits of Foreign Aid on Malawi's Democratic Consolidation," 2013. Chapter 5 in Danielle Resnick and Nicolas van de Walle, *Democratic Trajectories in Africa: Unraveling the Impact of Foreign Aid*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

- 3) “The Political Economy of Green Growth: Food, Fuel, and Electricity in Southern Africa,” 2012. Chapter 3 in Jose Puppim de Oliveira (ed.), *Green Economy and Good Governance for Sustainable Development: Views from Different Angles*. Tokyo: United Nations University Press (with James Thurlow and Finn Tarp)
- 2) “Development Strategies, Macroeconomic Policies, and the Agricultural Sector in Zambia,” 2009, chapter 9.8 in Per Pinstrup-Andersen and Fuzhi Cheng (eds.), *Food Policy for Developing Countries: The Role of Government in Global, National, and Local Food Systems*, Cornell University Press: Ithaca, NY (with James Thurlow).
- 1) “Country-Level Assessment of Selected MDGs: Ethiopia and Zambia,” 2006. Chapter 3 in *Agriculture and Achieving the Millennium Development Goals*, World Bank: Washington, D.C. (with Xinshen Diao and James Thurlow).

Invited Books Reviews

- 3) “Erin Acampo Hern. Developing States, Shaping Citizenship: Service Delivery and Political Participation in Zambia.” 2021. *Journal of Southern African Studies*.
- 2) “Matthew Rhodes-Purdy. Regime support Beyond the Balance Sheet: Participation and Policy Performance in Latin America.” 2020. *Populism*, vol.3(2): 319-321.
- 1) “Peter VonDoepp. Judicial Politics in New Democracies: Cases from Southern Africa.” 2012. *African Studies Quarterly*, vol. 13, no. 1-2: 166-168.

Working Papers and Policy Briefs (selected)

- [“Political Economy for Food System Pathways: A New Decision Toolkit,”](#) 2024. GAIN and IFPRI: Geneva, Switzerland and Washington, DC.
- [“The Enabling Environment for Large-Scale Food Fortification in Madagascar,”](#) 2024. IFPRI Discussion Paper 02251. Washington, DC: IFPRI.
- [“From Promises to Action: Analyzing Global Commitments to Food Security and Diets since 2015,”](#) 2024. (with Christina Zorbas, Eleanor Jones, Shoba Suri, Elyse Iruhiriye, Derek Headey, Will Martin, Rob Vos, Channing Arndt and Purnima Menon). IFPRI Discussion Paper 2238. Washington, DC: IFPRI.
- [Political economy and policy analysis \(PEPA\) sourcebook: A guide to generating evidence for national policies and strategies \(NPS\) for food, land, and water systems transformation,](#) 2023. (with Jonathan Mockshell). Cali, Colombia and Washington, DC: CIAT and IFPRI.
- [“The Political Economy of Reforming Agricultural Support Policies.”](#) 2022. (with Rob Vos and Will Martin). IFPRI Discussion Paper 2163. Washington, DC: IFPRI.
- [“The Political Economy of Kenya’s Agricultural Transformation: A Comparative Value Chains Approach.”](#) 2022. (with Steve Haggblade, Mercy, Kamau, and Isaac Minde). Michigan State University, Support for Applied Research and Analysis in Kenya and East Africa Region (SARA-KEA) project, Policy Note No. 2.
- [“Political economy of wheat value chains in post-revolution Sudan,”](#) 2021. Sudan Strategy Support

Working Paper No.1. Washington, DC: IFPRI.

- “Party Cadres, the Politicization of Local Government and Zambia’s 2021 Elections,” 2021. (with Nicole Beardsworth, Alistair Fraser, and Gilbert Siame). [Zambia Electoral Analysis Project Briefing Paper 6](#). London, UK: Westminster Foundation for Democracy.
- “[Enabling Environments for Nutrition Advocacy: A Comparison of Infant and Young Child Feed and Food Fortification in Nigeria](#),” 2021. (with Kola Anigo and Olufolakemi Mercy Anjorin). IFPRI Discussion Paper 02503. Washington, DC: IFPRI.
- “[The Political Economy of Deepening Decentralization in Zambia](#),” 2019. (with Gilbert Siame and Bhavna Sivasubramanian). IFPRI Discussion Paper 01893. Washington, DC: IFPRI.
- “[Smallholder Farmers’ and other Agriculture Sector Stakeholders’ Priorities for Government Spending: Evidence from Zambia](#)” 2019. (with Nicole Mason, Auckland Kuteya, Vicenzina Caputo, Mywish Maredia, Robert Shupp, and Hambulo Ngoma). East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University.

AWARDS, RESEARCH GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **Open Society Foundation**, Strengthening Democratic Resilience in Africa, \$1,000,000 (2024-2025) [co-PI with Landry Signé]
- **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**, Political Economy of Large-Scale Food Fortification, \$451,709 (2023-2025)
- **Michigan State University**, Governance of Informal Traders in Nigeria and Tanzania, \$150,000 (2024-2026)
- **Global Alliance for Improve Nutrition (GAIN)**, Political Economy Decision Toolkit for Food System Pathways, \$59,921 (2024)
- **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**, Political Economy of Large-Scale Food Fortification, \$81,840 (2021-2022)
- **Michigan State University**, Political Diagnostic of Kenya’s Agri-food System, \$39,000 (2021-2022)
- **USAID**, COVID-19 Policy Response Portal, \$250,000 (2020-2021)
- **CGIAR Policies, Institutions and Markets Cluster Leader**, Political Economy of Policy Processes, \$1.2 million (2016-2021)
- **International Growth Centre**, Political Economy of Decentralization in Zambia, \$50,000 (2018)
- **International Growth Centre**, Urban Informality, Tax Compliance, and Accountability in Zambia, \$53,000 (2017)
- **Clarence Stone Scholar Award**, American Political Science Association (2016)
- **USAID and World Bank**, Grand Prize Winner, “Slums and Urban Poverty in the Developing World” Research Paper Competition (2010)

- **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship**, Cornell University (2009-2010)
- **International Dissertation Research Fellowship**, Social Science Research Council (2008-2009)
- **Multi-Country Research Fellowship**, Council of American Overseas Research Centers (2008)
- **George Kahin Prize**, Cornell University, awarded to a PhD student beginning dissertation work of great promise in international relations/studies (2008)
- **Russell Sage Fellowship** for graduate study at Cornell University (2005-2009)
- **Africa Prize** from Georgetown University for outstanding scholarship in African Studies (2002)

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH (SELECTED)

Blogs and Op-Eds

- [Democratic resilience in Africa: Lessons from 2024 elections](#). Brookings Institution (November 2024).
- [Urgent need to strengthen local governance for improved urban agrifood systems](#). IFPRI (July 2024)
- [Back to the brink? Madagascar's polarizing presidential elections](#). Brookings Institution (Nov 2023)
- [Brookings experts on what to watch for at the 2023 UN General Assembly](#). Brookings Institution (Sept 2023)
- [The broader lessons of Gabon's coup for democracy in Africa](#), Brookings Institution (Sept 2023)
- [Building popular support for post-conflict constitutions: Lessons from Nepal](#), Brookings Institution (June 2023)
- [What is the relevance of a second democracy summit for Africa?](#) Brookings Institution (March 2023)
- [The political economy of reforming costly agricultural policies](#), Brookings Institution (March 2023)
- [After the US-Africa Leaders Summit, the US must ensure accountability and strengthen coordination](#), Brookings Institution (December 2022)
- [Africa's informal cities need more than green infrastructure to weather the effects of climate change](#), Brookings Institution (November 2022)

- [Senegal's Democratic Backsliding is a Threat to African Democracy](#), *Foreign Policy* (July 2022)
- [Realizing the New Urban Agenda in Africa: The centrality of local politics](#), Brookings Institution (June 2022)
- [What does the war in Ukraine mean for Africa?](#) Brookings Institution (February 2022)
- [African democracy in 2022: 3 elections to watch](#), Brookings Institution (December 2021)
- [South Africa's municipal elections: A referendum on political parties and local democracy](#), Brookings Institution (October 2021)
- [Zambia has an election this week. Here's what you need to know](#), *Washington Post* (August 2021)
- [Trust in science and in government plays a crucial role in COVID-19 responses](#), IFPRI blog (June 2020)
- [Covid-19 lockdowns threaten Africa's vital informal food trade](#), IFPRI blog, (March 2020)
- [Africa's Litigated Democracy](#), *Project Syndicate* (February 2020)
- [The politics of strengthening local government: Lessons from Zambia](#), International Growth Centre Blog, (October 2019)
- [Informal traders in Africa's cities: Coopted, coerced or just neglected?](#) IFPRI Blog, (October 2019)
- [State capacity and agricultural service provision: The case of rural Nepal](#), Agrilinks (February 2019)
- [Informal workers and taxation in Zambia: Who pays and does it make a difference?](#) International Growth Centre Blog, (December 2018)
- [Nepal's Federal Transition: What are the implications for agricultural governance?](#) Agrilinks (June 2018)
- [Is Ghana serious about decentralization](#), IFPRI Blog (April 2018)
- [Politics in the Time of Cholera](#), IFPRI Blog (January 2018)
- [Why brutalizing food vendors hits Africa's growing cities where it hurts](#), IFPRI Blog (April 2017)
- [Zambia's 2016 Elections: Democracy Hovering on the Precipice](#), *The Conversation*, *Newsweek*, *Huffington Post*, *RealClear Politics* (August 2016)

Television, Radio, Interviews, and Podcasts

- [What's driving the farmer protests sweeping Europe?](#) CNN International.
- [Why farmers around the world are protesting](#), PBS NewsHour
- [‘Last bastion of democracy in the Sahel’: Uncertainty in Niger prompts concern among allies](#), France24
- [Democracy at stake, say Senegalese youths protesting controversial arrest](#), France24
- [Global shockwaves of the Ukraine war could cause food crisis](#), NPR’s Here & Now.
- [African street vendors feel the squeeze under strict Covid-19 measures](#), Radio France Internationale
- [Populism Rising](#), CSIS Into Africa Podcast.
- [Zambia’s response to cholera](#), Voice of America’s Studio 54.
- [The politics of cholera](#), Voice of America’s Healthcheck program.
- [Informal Food Trade](#), Voice of America’s Studio 54.

Presentations and Panels (selected)

- **Political Economy of Food Policy: State, Societal, and Transnational Interactions**, USAID, joint to Bureau of Resilience, Environment and Food Security and Bureau of Democracy, Governance, and Human Rights (January 2024)
- **Political Economy of Food System Transformation**
 - Food Thinkers Webinar, City University, London (January 2024)
 - IFPRI book launch, Washington, DC (November 2023)
 - Irish Forum for International Agricultural Development, Dublin (November 2023)
 - University of Wisconsin-Madison (October 2024)
- **Political Economy of Repurposing Agricultural Subsidies**, Columbia University (September 2023)
- **Megatrends and Security Implications in Sub-Saharan Africa**, Africa Center for Strategic Studies, Washington, DC (June 2023)
- **Mayoral Elections and Partisan Dynamics in Africa’s Local Governments**, Governance and Local Development Institute, Sweden (May 2023)
- **Democratic Backsliding in Africa**, Brookings (April 2023)
- **The Political Economy of Repurposing Agriculture Support**, World Bank (January 2023)
- **Why Africa matters to the US**, Brookings (December 2022)

- **The Cost of Governance in Africa Roundtable**, Council on Foreign Relations (November 2022)
- **Implications of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict for Democracy and Authoritarianism in Africa**, US National Intelligence Council (July 2022)
- **The Ukraine Crisis and Africa Roundtable**, Council on Foreign Relations (April 2022)
- **The future of the Democratic Republic of the Congo**, Brookings (March 2022)
- **Making Better Policies in Complex Systems: Experiences from Food Systems**, OECD (December 2021)
- **Covid-19 and Urban Food Security in Low and Middle-Income Countries**, US State Department (August 2021)
- **Transforming Food Systems after Covid-19, Launch of the Global Food Policy Report 2021**, IFPRI, World Bank, and European Union (April, May 2021)
- **Sustaining Africa's Agrifood System Transformation: The Role of Public Policies**, African Union Commission, (November 2020)
- **Political Economy of Agriculture Policy in Africa**, Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD), USAID, (October 2020)
- **Political Economy of Agriculture Policy in Africa**, University of Pennsylvania, (October 2020)
- **The Political Economy of COVID-19: Impacts on Agriculture and Food Policies**, IFPRI (October 2020)
- **Politics to Address COVID-19's Impact on Africa's Informal Sector**, International Growth Centre, (August 2020)
- **Building Resilient Food Systems and Agricultural Value Chains in Africa**, African Development Bank (May 2020)
- **COVID-19: Emerging Problems and Potential Country-Level Responses**, IFPRI (April 2020)
- **Urban Politics in African Cities**, Georgetown University (February 2020)
- **Youth and Jobs in Rural Africa: Beyond Stylized Facts**, IFPRI (January 2020)
- **Taxing Informality in Zambia**, American University School of International Service (December 2019)
- **The Politics and Governance of Africa's Urban Transformation**, University of Montreal, Canada, (November 2019)
- **The Future of Democracies**, Presentation to US National Intelligence Council (November 2019)

- **Political Economy Constraints to Deepening Decentralization in Zambia**, Presentation to Zambia's Decentralization Secretariat (December 2018)
- **Taxation of Zambia's informal sector**, Presentation to Zambia's Ministry of Finance and National Planning and the Zambian Revenue Authority, Lusaka (December 2018)
- **The Devolution Revolution: Impacts on Agricultural Service Provision**, Presentation to Ghana's Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Accra (March 2018)
- **The Impacts of Global Populism**, Presentation to US National Intelligence Council (August 2017)
- **Restructuring Nepal's Agricultural Governance**, Presentation to Nepal's Ministry of Agricultural Development, Kathmandu (January 2016)

SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCIES

- **Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe** (2022), Main essay author for 2022 *Global Hunger Index Report*.
- **Partnership for African Social and Governance Research** (2016-2017), Expert Reviewer for project on Urban Governance and Turning African Cities Around
- **Oxford Analytica** (2014), Commissioned to analyze the political participation of Africa's youth
- **World Bank** (2008), several studies conducted for the Independent Evaluation Group

SERVICE

- Editorial Board Member of *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Populism*, and *Regional and Federal Studies*
- Reviewer for following journals: *African Affairs*, *African Studies Quarterly*, *African Studies Review*, *Afrique Contemporaine*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Cities*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Democratization*, *Development and Change*, *Development Policy Review*, *European Journal of Development Research*, *Food Policy*, *Food Security*, *Governance and Opposition*, *Health Policy & Planning*, *International Political Science Review*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Nature Food*, *Party Politics*, *Political Geography*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Regional and Federal Studies*, *Review of Development Economics*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *Urban Studies*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *World Development*, *World Politics*
- Reviewer for following book presses: Edinburgh University Press, Lynne Rienner, Manchester University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge Publishers, Stanford University Press, DeGruyter
- Reviewer for following national research grants: the United Kingdom's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Chilean National Research and Development Agency (ANID), and US National Science Foundation (NSF)