



Diana Byarugaba Kisakye

BIGSAS Junior Fellow

Academic vita

- Since 02/2020 PhD candidate in Political Science, Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS), University of Bayreuth
- Since 11/2019 Research Associate, "Multiplicity in Decision-Making of Africa's Interacting Markets: The Functioning of Community Law, the Role of Market Participants and the Power of Regional Judges," Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, University of Bayreuth
- 11/ 2016 - 9/2019 Assistant Editor, Mattering Press, Manchester U.K.

Grants and awards

- 05/ 2023: Grant Recipient, Law and Society (LSA) Graduate Student & Early Career Grant, LSA 2023, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 10/2022: Mobility Grant, SGroup PhD Training and Competition Winner
- 08/2022: National Science Foundation Travel Grant, 2022 International Political Science Association (IPSA)'s RC (09) on Comparative Judicial Studies, Georgetown University
- 02 /2016: German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Scholarship, University of Fort Hare, East London, South Africa

Conference Paper presentations

- 6/2023: "Off-bench activities as empowerment tools: Towards judicial power in Africa's subregional courts." 2023 Annual Meeting on Law and Society (LSA), San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 04/2023: "On judicial agency and the role of court allies: Towards understanding judicial empowerment in Africa's sub-regional courts." Joint Session Workshop 2023, ECPR. "Judicial Resilience and Democratic Decay." Sciences Po, Toulouse
- 03/2023: "Regional integration and informalities in international judicial appointments to subregional courts in Africa." 64th International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Montréal, Canada
- 10/2022: "Of judicial diplomacy: Unpacking judicial power in Africa's sub-regional courts." First Joint Global Politics of Law & Courts Workshop, Freie Universität Berlin



- 08/2022: "It is not only a matter of reading the Treaty but measuring whatever you do": Unpacking judicial power in Africa's sub-regional courts. IPSA RC09, Georgetown University
- 07/2022: "Informality and Multi-level Appointment Processes in Regional Courts" (with Alexander Stroh-Steckelberg). Workshop on "Informality and Judicial Institutions: Comparative Perspectives," Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law
- 06/2022: "Of paperless hybrid courts: Embracing the administration of justice through ICT in the East African Court of Justice" (with Arnaud Gahimbare). VAD conference "Africa-Europe: Reciprocal Perspectives, Freiburg im Breisgau
- 06/2021: "Challenging the Rule of Law in the East African Court of Justice." VAD Africa Challenges, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

Publications

- Diana Kisakye. 2023. "Hanging out" with judicial and legal elites: Reflections on researching "up". University of Bayreuth African Studies Working Papers 36, BIGSASworks! 11. Bayreuth: Institute of African Studies
- Diana Kisakye. 2022. "Trade and economy in the EAC bloc: can the judicial arm intervene?" Habari Magazine, Wirtschaft und Handel –gestern und heute. Tanzania-Network, pp. 45-47
- Diana Kisakye. 2021. Book Review, "James Thuo Gathii, 2020: The Performance of Africa's International Courts: Using Litigation for Political, Legal and Social Change." <https://www.afronomiclaw.org/category/analysis/book-review-performance-africas-internationalcourts-using-litigation-politica>
- Diana Kisakye. 2021. "Presidential Elections in Uganda – Of Bobi Wine and 'the struggle.'" <https://africanlegalstudies.blog/2021/01/13/presidential-elections-in-uganda-of-bobi-wine-and-thestruggle/>

Teaching and academic service

- Summer 2021: "Courts, Judges and Development", MA Seminar in Political Science (with Prof Alexander Stroh-Steckelberg), University of Bayreuth
- 01/2020 –12/2021: PhD Student Representative to the Academic Committee, Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, University of Bayreuth

Selected public engagement

- 10/ 2022: Workshop Coach, "Seminar on Economy and Trade in Tanzania," Tanzania-Network, Berlin



- 11/ 2021: Invited Guest Researcher, East African Court of Justice Symposium, Bujumbura, Burundi
- 10/ 2021: Invited Guest Researcher, East Africa Law Society, Trial Advocacy for Regional Courts, Kampala, Ugand