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BIGSAS Junior Fellow

Academic Vita

11/2020 – 01/2021	Research and Teaching Assistant: Chair of the Study of Religion with Focus on Africa, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Bayreuth, Germany
09/2020 – 02/2021	Teaching Assistant (Tutor): Center for Religion, Economy and Politics (CREP), Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich, Switzerland
04/2019 till date	Junior Fellow: Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS), University of Bayreuth, Germany
08/2018 till date	PhD Researcher: Centre for Religion, Economy and Politics (CREP), Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich, Switzerland
08/2016 – 07/2018	Master of Arts in Religion – Economy – Politics, Joint Degree / Master of Arts in Religion – Wirtschaft – Politik, Joint Degree (MA RWP, JD): Co-awarded by the Universities of Zurich, Basel and Lucerne, Switzerland
08/2012 – 07/2014	Canonical Licentiate in Sacred Theology / Sacrae Theologiae Licenciati Canonici (STL): University of Fribourg, Fribourg i.Ue., Switzerland
10/2002 – 06/2006	“Diplom-Theologe Universitär” (Dipl.-Theol. Univ.) / German University Diploma in Theology, equivalent to Master of Theology (MTheol), University of Augsburg, Germany

Teaching Experience

11/2020 – 01/2021	BA/MA Seminar: “Pentecostal Churches in and from Africa”, in partnership with Prof. Dr. Eva Spies, Chair for the Study of Religion with Focus on Africa, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Bayreuth, Germany
08/2020 – 01/2021	MA Lecture: “Ethics for Economists” (as Teaching Assistant/Tutor), Center for Religion, Economy and Politics (CREP), Faculty of Theology, in collaboration with Prof. Dr. Andreas Scherer, Chair of Foundations of Business Administration and Theories of the Firm, Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics, University of Zurich

Conference Contributions

- 2021: “The Utopia of Hope: Hope as Underlying Utopia-Motive in Neo-Pentecostal/Charismatic Economy” at the 2021 Conference of the African Studies Association Germany (VAD e.V.), organized by the Centre for Interdisciplinary African Studies (ZIAF) at the Goethe-University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- 2021: “Religion and Culture as Bifurcate Instrument of Peace, Acceptance and Integration Employed by Chinese Christians in Ghana” under “Religion – Religion and Peace Studies” at the 2021 Asian Conference on Ethics, Religion & Philosophy (ACERP 2021), organized by the International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Tokyo, Japan



- 2021: “Sino-Pentecostalism/Charismatics: The Cultural, Religious, and Ethical Negotiations of Chinese Pentecostal/Charismatic Christians in the Ghanaian Religio-Scape” under “Interfaith Dialogue” at the 2021 Asian Conference on Ethics, Religion & Philosophy (ACERP 2021), organized by the International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Tokyo, Japan
- 2019: “The Understanding of Religion Among Neo-Pentecostals/Charismatics in Ghana and Its Impact on Developments in the Christian Religious Field in the Country” under “The Concept of Religion and Its Consequences for the Study of Religion in and from Africa” at the 33rd Conference of the German Association for the Study of Religion / 33. Fachtagung der Deutschen Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft (DVRW 2019), Hannover, Germany
- 2019: “Contemporary Pentecostalism/Charismatics in Ghana and the Gospel of Prosperity” under “African Studies – Christianity in Africa” at the 2019 Bayreuth International Summer School (BISS 2019), University of Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany

Research Experience

- Osei-Tutu, Isaac (2018): “The Religious-Economic Strategies and Undertakings of Pastors Mensa Otabil, Dag Heward-Mills and Eastwood Anaba: A Case Study of the Religious-Economic Operations of Major Neo-Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches in Ghana” (MA thesis submitted to the Center for Religion, Economy and Politics, ZRWP/CREP, University of Zurich, Switzerland)
- Osei-Tutu, Isaac (2014): “The Characterization of David and JHWH in Psalm 138: Syntactic and Semantic Analysis” (Thesis of Canonical Licentiate in Sacred Theology, STL submitted to the Faculty of Theology, University of Fribourg, Switzerland)
- Osei-Tutu, Isaac (2006): “Hin³ni³ [Here I am] – Abraham Puts His Future at Stake. Exegetical and Theological Interpretation of Gen 22:1-19”, dwelling on Abraham’s unreserved to God (Diploma/MTheol thesis submitted to the Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Augsburg, Germany)

Membership and Fellowship in International Academic Organizations & Associations

- Society for Business Ethics (SBE)
- African Studies Association in Germany / Vereinigung für Afrikawissenschaften in Deutschland (VAD e.V.)
- Swiss Society for the Study of Religion (SSSR) / Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Religionswissenschaft (SGR)
- International Academic Forum (IAFOR)
- Society for the Study of Theology (SST)

Research Interests

- Business and Corporate Ethics
- Economics of Religion
- Christianity in Africa
- Pentecostalism and Charismatics
- Religion and Politics
- Religion and Development
- Theology
- Biblical Exegesis