



Isaac Osei-Tutu

BIGSAS Junior Fellow

Academic Vita

- 08/2021 – 01/2022 Assistant Lecturer in Business Ethics: Center for Religion, Economy and Politics (CREP), Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich, Switzerland, 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, Switzerland
- 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 Assistant Lecturer in Business Ethics: Center for Religion, Economy and Politics (CREP), Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich, Switzerland, 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, 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 Universität” (Dipl.-Theol. Univ.) / German University Diploma in Theology, equivalent to Master of Theology (MTheol), University of Augsburg, Germany

Scholarly Award

- 2021 Recipient of the Society for Business Ethics (SBE) Founders’ Award for Emerging Scholars: This award is bestowed on PhD students of the SBE as Emerging Scholars in the field of Business Ethics (SBE ES). It is named at the SBE’s Annual Meeting for the ca. twenty farsighted professors who founded the SBE in 1980.

University Teaching and Work Experience

- 08/2021 – 01/2022 MA Lecture: “Ethics for Economists” (as Assistant Lecturer), 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, Switzerland

- 05/2021 MA Seminar: Expert Tutor on “Christian entrepreneurship: Pastorpreneurship” at the Seminar “Responsible Leadership? Concepts of Responsible Leadership in Organizations”, Centre for Religion, Economy and Politics (ZRWP/CREP), University of Zürich, Switzerland
- 08/2020 – till date Public Relations Work: Centre for Religion, Economy and Politics (ZRWP/CREP), University of Zurich, Switzerland
- 11/2020 BA/MA Seminar: Expert Tutor on “Mediatization of God and Faith in Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches” at the Seminar “Disseminating Values and Norms. Forms of Communicating Religious Worldviews / Werte und Normen verbreiten. Kommunikationsformen religiöser Weltbilder”, Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich, Germany, Faculty of Evangelical Theology, in collaboration with Dr. Marie-Therese Mäder
- 11/2020 – 01/2021 BA/MA Seminar: “Pentecostal Churches in and from Africa” (as Research and Teaching Assistant), 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 Assistant Lecturer), 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, Switzerland

Conference Contributions

- 09/2021: Conference: “Decoupling or Recoupling? – The Methodological Challenge in Studying the West African Neo-Pentecostal/Charismatic Field as a Business-Ethical Space” under “Ethical and Methodological Dilemmas of Social Research in Violent Conflict Situations” at the 1st International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Spatial Methods for Urban Sustainability (SMUS Conference 2021), University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana
- 9/2021: “Conceptual and Theoretical Challenges in Studying (African) Neo-Pentecostal/Charismatic Organisations as Entrepreneurial and Ethical Entities” under “Christian Religious Bodies, Traditions and Practices in Historical, Conceptual and Theoretical Relations” at the 34th Conference of the German Association for the Study of Religion / 34. Fachtagung der Deutschen Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft (DVRW 2021), Hannover, Germany
- 7/2021: “Business and Corporate Ethical Perspectives on the Entrepreneurship of Neo-Pentecostal/Charismatic Megachurches in Ghana”, as Emerging Scholar (SBE ES), Society for Business Ethics 2021 Annual Meeting (SBE 2021), Cambridge, England – the Project was awarded with the *SBE Founders' Award* for Emerging Scholars
- 7/2021: “The COVID-19 Pandemic and Its Ethical Impact on the Economic Operations of Neo-Pentecostal/Charismatic Megachurches in Ghana” under “Utopia(n) Challenges in Africa? Grinding Practices, Ethical Controversies” at the 2021 European Conference on Arts &



Humanities (ECAH2021), organized by the University College of London (UCL), Institute of Education, London, UK, and the International Academic Forum (IAFOR)

- 6/2021: “The Utopia of Hope: Hope as Underlying Utopia-Motive in Neo-Pentecostal/Charismatic Economy” under “Utopia(n) Challenges in Africa? Grinding Practices, Ethical Controversies” 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
- 3/2021: “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
- 3/2021: “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
- 9/2019: “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
- 7/2019: “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): “Hinⁿⁱ [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