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CAREER PROFILE

A social science academic researcher and analyst with experience in conducting research and analysis in the field of International Relations, regional politics, democracy and development consultancy.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022- 2024: Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (International Relations Department) – Catholic University of Eastern Africa. / Coordinator, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

2019- 2022: Lecturer, School of Development and Strategic Studies, Pioneer International University.

RESEARCH FOCUS

- Research Interest (s): Political Party Systems and democratization; Foreign Policy (African states); Popular culture (music); Culture and Politics; Memory Studies.
- Program Area(s): Foreign Policy and Diplomacy.
- Regional Specialization(s): Africa; China; East Africa; Great Lakes Region.
- Country(s) Specialization: Tanzania; China; Zanzibar; Kenya; South Sudan.
- Subfield Specialties: Comparative Political Systems; Party Politics.

EDUCATION

United States International University – Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

- **Ph.D., International Relations** 2016-2021
Specialization: International Development/Security and Foreign Policy and Diplomacy.
 - Thesis Title: The Endurance of One-Party Dominance: The *Chama Cha Mapinduzi* (CCM) Party and the Challenge of Democratizing the Tanganyika – Zanzibar Union.
 - GPA: 3.906 (Summa Cum Laude).

United States International University – Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

- **M.A., International Relations** 2010-2012
Specialization: Foreign Policy and Diplomacy
 - Thesis Title: The Obsolescence of State Sovereignty Concept: The International Criminal Court and African States in Context.
 - GPA: 3.88 (Magna Cum Laude).

- **B.A., International Relations** 2007-2010
 - Courses in International Relations, Journalism and Communication.
 - GPA: 3.69 (Cum Laude).

CURRENT RESEARCH

- Campaign rally performance, Music, and songs in the Kenyan elections – Funded by IFRA, Nairobi
- Profiling campaigns of Kenyan Members of the County Assembly (MCA) - <https://ifra.exposure.co/mcas-exposure-draft?source=share-ifra>

ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- External Examiner, University of Dar es Salaam 2023
- Reviewer, The African Review (TARE) Journal 2022
- The African Politics Conference Group Finishing Grant (Article Grant) 2021
- The French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA) Fieldwork/Grant 2020
- CAS Catalyst Visiting Fellowship, University of Edinburgh 2020
- Carnegie Corporation of New York Scholars (CCNY) ASA Fellow 2019
- Catalyst Fellowship, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh 2019
- Fellow, SSRC Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa (Completion) 2019
- Fellow, SSRC Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa (Research) 2018
- Fellow, SSRC Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa (Proposal) 2017
- Affiliated Researcher, International Law and Policy Institute, Norway 2014
- Fellow, Africa Peacebuilding Network Program 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

1. **Minde, N.** (forthcoming). Performing the Union: National Rituals and Negotiating the United Republic, in Kaijage Fredrick *et al* (eds.), *A History of Post-Colonial Tanzania: Essays in Honor of Isaria Kimambo*. University of Dar es Salaam.
2. **Minde, N.** (2020). Tanzania Citizens' Sovereignty, Popular Participation and the EAC Integration and Democratization, in Korwa Adar *et al* (eds.), *Popular Participation in the Integration of the East African Community: Eastafricanism and Eastafricanization*. Washington: Lexington.
3. **Minde, N.** (2019). Conflict Intervention, Insecurity and the Challenges of Peacebuilding in South Sudan, in Kenneth Omeje (ed.), *Peacebuilding in Contemporary Africa: In Search of Alternative Strategies*. London: Routledge.

Journal Articles

1. **Minde, N.** (2021). "Tunataka Nchi Yetu" (We Want Our Country): Campaign Rallies, Music and Songs as Stages for Performing Zanzibari Nationalism. *Mambo*, vol. XVIII, no. 3. URL: <https://mambo.hypotheses.org/3088>
2. **Minde, N.** (2021) "To Negotiate or Not-to Negotiate with the FDLR Rebels? President Kikwete and Tanzania's Foreign Policy towards Rwanda (2013-2015)" *The African Review*, 48, pp. 52-73.
3. **Minde, N.**, Roop, S., & Tronvoll, K. (2019) "The Turbulent Political History of Zanzibar and its Impact on Contemporary Conflict and Reconciliation" *African Insight*, 49(1), pp. 68-82.
4. **Minde, N.**, Roop, S., & Tronvoll, K. (2018) "The Rise and Fall of the Government of National Unity in Zanzibar: A Critical Analysis of the Role of the 2015 Elections" *Journal of African Elections*, 17(1), pp. 162-184.
5. Roop, S., Tronvoll, K. & **Minde, N.** (2018) "The Politics of Continuity and Collusion in Zanzibar: Political Reconciliation and the Establishment of the Government of National Unity" *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 56(2), pp.245-267.
6. Omeje, K. & **Minde, N.** (2015) "The SPLM Government and the Challenges of Conflict Settlement, State-Building and Peace-Building in South Sudan." *Africa Insight*, 45 (1), pp.52-67. <https://www.ajol.info/index.php/ai/article/view/131916>
7. Omeje, K. & **Minde, N.** (2014) "Stakeholders' Perspectives on Priorities for Post-Conflict State-building and Peace-building in South Sudan." *African Peace and Conflict Journal*, 7(1), pp.14-29.

ACADEMIC REVIEW EXPERIENCE

1. Reviewer, The African Review (TARE) Journal 2021-
2. Reviewer, Journal of African Elections (JAE) 2021-
3. Review of Biubwa Amour Zahor: Mwanamke Mwanamapinduzi [Udadisi](https://udadisi.com/uchambuzi-wa-kitabu-biubwa-amour-zahor-mwanamke-mwanamapinduzi/), 17 November 2021. <https://udadisi.com/uchambuzi-wa-kitabu-biubwa-amour-zahor-mwanamke-mwanamapinduzi/>
4. Review of *Hip-Hop in Africa: Prophets of the City and Dustyfoot Philosophers* by C. Msia Kibona, *African Journal of Democracy and Governance* (Vol.7, No.1, 2020), p.159-162. <https://journals.co.za/doi/epdf/10.10520/EJC-1ef2134bf8>
5. Review of *The fabric of Peace in Africa: Looking Beyond the State* by Pamela Aall and Chester A. Crocker (eds.). *Journal of Contemporary African Studies.*, 2018. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02589001.2018.1513522>
6. Review of *A Poisonous Thorn in Our Hearts: Sudan and South Sudan's Bitter and Incomplete Divorce* by James Copnall. *African Journal on Conflict Resolution.* (Vol.17, No.2), 2017.p.169-172. <https://www.ajol.info/index.php/ajcr/article/view/167176>
7. Review of *Democracy in Africa: Successes, Failures, and the Struggle for Political Reform*, by Nic Cheeseman. *Africa Journal of Democracy and Governance* (Vol.4, No.2, 2017), p.331-332. <https://journals.co.za/doi/epdf/10.10520/EJC-1ef2134bf8>
8. Review of *Foreign Policy and Leadership in Nigeria: Obasanjo and the Challenge of African Diplomacy* by Steve Itugbu. [LSE Africa Blog](https://www.lse.ac.uk/africa-blog/). December 2017.
9. Review of *Julius Nyerere* by Paul Bjerck. [LSE Africa Blog](https://www.lse.ac.uk/africa-blog/). October 2017.

CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

1. *The East African Community Regional Force (EACRF) intervention in eastern DRC: actors and implications for regional integration and stability* – African Studies Association (ASA), San Francisco CA (Nov-23).
2. *Militainment and Its Influence on Perception of Military Operations. A Case Study of The Kenya Film 'Mission to Rescue'* (co-presentation with Lucy Mwangi) – African Studies Association (ASA), San Francisco CA (Nov-23).
3. *Maalim Seif and Zanzibar's early attempts at reconciliation, 1996-2008* – Maalim Seif and the Legacy of Reconciliation and National Unity, Zanzibar: 5-6 November 2021.
4. *Music and Dance in African Elections" A Textual Readings of the NASA Tibim Campaign Song in Kenya's 2017 Elections* – African Studies Association (ASA), Boston: 19-28 November 2019.
5. *Singing and Dancing to Election Manifestos: Campaign Pledges and the Development Rhetoric in Kenya's 2017 Election* – 8th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh: 11-14 June 2019.
6. *The Individual in Decision Making Theory: Some Perspective on Jakaya Kikwete's Presidency in Tanzania* – The Eighth Toyin Falola Annual International Conference on Africa and the African Diaspora (TOFAC8), USIU – Africa, Nairobi: 3-5 July 2018.
7. *Transitional Justice and Reconciliation in South Sudan: A Critique of the Liberal Peace Thesis*– African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA) 2nd Biennial Conference, University of Ghana, Legon: October 12-14, 2017.
8. *Peacebuilding through Transitional Justice and Reconciliation in South Sudan: Challenges and Prospects*. Paper Presentation – Balancing Justice and Peace? The Role of Regional Organizations. Daystar University, Nairobi: 18 May 2017.
9. *Post-Conflict Peacebuilding and Reconstruction in South Sudan: The Security Dilemma in a Transitional Government of National Unity*. Paper presentation – 3rd Annual Peace Studies & International Development Conference for Africanist Doctoral Students and Early Post-Doctoral Careers Scholars and Practitioners. University of Bradford: May 11, 2017.
10. *The SPLM Government and the Challenges of State-Building and Peace-building in South Sudan with Kenneth Omeje* –Kampala Uganda. May 2014.
11. *The Status and Trends in Tanzania's Education: The Role of Language in Higher Education*. Paper Presentation - United States International University, Nairobi: April 2013.
12. *Revisiting the Arusha Declaration: Lessons for the new constitution process in Tanzania*. Paper presentation - United States International University, Nairobi, October 2012.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

1. Tanganyika and Zanzibar: Tanzania's 60-year-old union may need a restructure – [The Conversation](#) – 22 March 2024.
2. Tanzanians go to the polls in 2025: President Samia has changed the landscape, but Magufuli's legacy persists – [The Conversation](#) – 15 April 2024.
3. Ali Hassan Mwinyi: the Tanzanian former president who oversaw the transition to market economy – [The Conversation](#) – 2 March 2024.
4. Edward Lowassa's Contested Political Legacy – [The Chanzo](#) – 12 February 2024.

5. President Hassan is the face of Tanzania's reform agenda. But she needs to carry the country with her – [The Conversation](#) – 12 September 2023.
6. Africa at the Centre of a Geopolitical Battle: What Is at Stake for Africa in the Russia-Africa Summit in St. Petersburg? – [Valdai Discussion Club](#) – 7 July 2023.
7. Tanzania's pathway to a new constitution: genuine progress or political rhetoric? – [Constitutionnet](#) – 31 May 2023.
8. To Restore Tanzania's Democracy, Samia Must Solidify Her Reforms – [World Politics Review](#) – 31 May 2023.
9. Samia Suluhu Hassan is reforming Tanzania – it's winning her fans but boosting the opposition – [The Conversation](#) – 3 February 2023.
10. Opposition as 'Incumbent' and 'Incumbent' as Opposition: Analyzing the Key Issues in Kenya's 2022 Presidential Campaigns – [Kujenga Amani](#) – 5 August 2022.
11. Change of guard in Kenya: the 5 reasons neighbours watch every step – [The Conversation](#) – 31 July 2022.
12. The Meaning and Usage of Union Day Celebrations – [The Chanzo](#) – 26 April 2022.
13. Tanzania is getting a political remake as President Hassan eyes the 2025 polls – [The Conversation](#) – 14 March 2022.
14. Remembering not to forget: Tanzania's 2020 General Elections – [Democracy in Africa](#) – 28 October 2022.
15. Remembering Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad – [The Chanzo](#) – 22 October 2021.
16. Tanzania's Hassan faces her first political test: constitutional reform – [The Conversation](#) – July, 2021.
17. Tanzania's Samia Hassan has the chance to heal a polarized nation – [The Conversation](#) – March, 2021.
18. *Mustakabali wa Maridhiano na Serikali ya Umoja wa Kitaifa Zanzibar* – [The Chanzo Initiative](#) – November, 2020.
19. How Magufuli has steered Tanzania down the road of an authoritarian one-party state – [The Conversation](#) – November, 2020.
20. At the Edge of Democracy: What the Upcoming general election holds in store for Tanzania – [The Conversation](#) – August, 2020.
21. The United Nations Security Council Seat and Kenya's Assertive Foreign Policy – [Kujenga Amani](#) – September, 2020.
22. The Waning Foreign Policy Influence of Tanzania under President Magufuli – [Kujenga Amani](#) – March, 2019
23. Internal Party Reforms or Power Consolidation by African Ruling Parties? – [Kujenga Amani](#) – April, 2018.
24. Party Doesn't Matter: Ethnic Parties and Multiethnic Coalitions in Kenya. Special Issue: Kenya's 2017 Presidential Elections – [Kujenga Amani](#) – August 2017.
25. Magufuli: A Delicate Balance. [OSIEA - Amplifying Voices](#) – June 2017.
26. Post-Conflict Peacebuilding in South Sudan: The Security Dilemma in a Transitional Government of National Unity. [LSE Africa Blog](#) – August 2016.
27. The South Sudan Peace Deal and Prospects for Peace building. [Kujenga Amani](#) – November 2015.
28. Opposition Politics in Tanzania and Why the Country will benefit from a Strong Unified Opposition. – [LSE Blog](#) – June 2015.
29. Press Freedoms and the Need to Repeal Draconian Media Legislation in Tanzania – [Kujenga Amani](#) – May 2015.

30. Democracy versus Stability: Political Reconciliation and the Government of National Unity in Zanzibar – [Kujenga Amani](#) - August 2014.
31. A Beleaguered Political Marriage: The Tanganyika-Zanzibar Union and the Constitutional Process in Tanzania – [Kujenga Amani](#) – May 2014.
32. The Westgate Terrorist Attack: Any Lessons for Kenya’s Approach to Regional Security?– [Kujenga Amani](#), November 2013.
33. The Rise of Tanzania as a Regional Economic Hegemon *Daily Europe*, March 2013.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

1. InteRussia Fellowship Programme (MGIMO University, Moscow, Russia) 2023
2. French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA) Fieldwork/Grant 2022.
3. American Political Science Association (APSA) Research Development Group (RDG), 2020.
4. Centre of African Studies (CAS) Catalyst; Visiting Fellowship, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom, April-July 2020.
5. African Studies Association (ASA) Carnegie Corporation of New York Scholarship (CCNY).
 - Fully paid workshop and conference attendance travel grant, Boston, MA. USA, November 2019.
6. Catalyst Workshop Fellowship, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, July 2019.
7. Catalyst Conference Grant, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, June 2019.
8. Social Science Research Council (SSRC) *Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellow: Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship 2018-2019*. “One-Party Dominance Endurance, Flux and Decline: The *Chama Cha Mapinduzi* (CCM) Party and the Challenge of Democratizing the Tanganyika – Zanzibar Union”. USD \$10,000. 2019.
9. Social Science Research Council (SSRC) *Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellow: Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship 2018-2019*. “Political Parties, Democratization and Constitutional Developments in the Tanganyika-Zanzibar Union”. USD \$15,000. 2018.
10. The Social Science Research Council (SSRC) *Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellow: Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Fellowship 2017-2018*. “Political Parties, Democratization and Constitutional Developments in the Tanganyika-Zanzibar Union”. USD \$3,000. 2017.
11. *PhD Teaching Assistantship Scholarship*, School of Humanities and Social Sciences – United States International University – Africa 2017.
12. *Graduate Research Assistantship Scholarship*, School of Humanities and Social Sciences – United States International University – Africa 2012-2013.

13. *African Peace-building Network (APN) Grant*- Project Title: “Peace-building and State-building in a Fragile Rentier State: The Case of South Sudan”. -A co-authored research project by Prof. Kenneth Omeje & Nicodemus M. Minde (*December 2012-August 2013*) - A grant from the New York-based Social Science Research Council (SSRC) through its Africa Peace-building Network (APN) grant scheme. Grant worth: USD \$16,000. 2013.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I have delivered a wide range of effective and inclusive teaching and supporting learning activities; engage in research and Collaborations and participated in university management.

1. United States International University – Africa 2019-2024
2. Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya 2022-2024
3. Pioneer International University (Nairobi, Kenya) 2019-2022
4. Daystar University (Nairobi, Kenya) 2018-2020
5. Riara University (Nairobi, Kenya) 2018-2019
6. Technical University of Kenya (Nairobi, Kenya) 2016-2018
7. PhD Teaching Assistantship with Prof Paul T. Zeleza

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- African Studies Association (ASA)
- African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA)

ACHIEVEMENTS

- The French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA) Fellowship/Grant (2020)
- SSRC PhD Dissertation Research Fellowship Grant (2018-2019)
- SSRC PhD Proposal Fellowship Grant (2017-2018).
- Africa Peacebuilding Network (APN) Grant (2013).
- Member of the Scouts Movement.
- Member of Tanzania Association in Kenya (Chairman in 2008-09).
- Mufti Swahili Award (2010) – A award that honors champions of Swahili Promoters in Kenya.

COMMUNITY WORK

- Student Tribune Blog/Podcast - <https://nicominde.com/students-tribune/>
- USIU-Tanzania Community Patron
- Catholic Men Association (UWAKA)

MEDIA APPEARENCES

- CNN
- Al Jazeera
- Azam Media; Tanzania (2021/2022)
- Nation TV; Kenya (2021/2022)
- Kenya Television Network (KTN) (2021/22)
- Citizen Radio (Kenya), (2021/2022)
- BBC Africa, Nairobi (2017-2022).
- Radio France International (2017-2022).
- Various political analyses (*The Economist*, *AFP*, *The EastAfrican*, *Business Daily*, *NewAfrican*, *DailyMail*, Al Jazeera).

