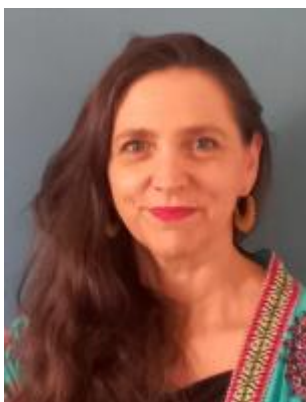




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1999-2002	Senior Researcher, Centre for Rural Legal Studies, Stellenbosch
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Higher Education: University of Oxford (2011)

- Doctor of Philosophy in Politics, Faculty of Politics and International Relations
Dissertation: *The Politics of Land Reform in Post Apartheid South Africa, 1990 to 2004: A Shifting Terrain of Interests, Actors and Discourses*

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- Master of Philosophy in Development Studies, Queen Elizabeth House
Dissertation: *Contested Terrain: The Politics of Land Reform Policy in Post Apartheid South Africa*

Higher Education: University of Cape Town (1992-1995)

- Bachelor of Social Science in Political Studies and Sociology
- Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) in Political Studies (distinction)
Dissertation: *Land Reform Policy and Practice: A Theoretical and Empirical Review of Gender Perspectives Internationally and in South Africa*

Secondary Education: United World College of the Adriatic, Italy (1989-1991)

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Advisory positions, Awards and Scholarships

2021	UWC Community Engagement Award
2018-20	Presidential advisor: Cyril Ramaphosa
2019	Ministerial advisor: Minister of Public Works: Patricia De Lille
2019	Ministerial advisor: Minister of Justice: Ronald Lamola
2018	UWC Research Excellence Award
2010	Featured in UWC Women in Research 2010
2010	UWC Research Repository 10 most downloaded research outputs (10th)
2005, 06, 08, 09	Mail & Guardian Book of South African Women
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1998	Wingate Trust Scholarship
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1992, 93, 94	Dean's Merit List for Academic Achievement
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Journal Editorial Role

Editor-in-Chief: *Journal of Peasant Studies* (current)

International Advisory Board: *Journal of Peasant Studies* (2013 onward)

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Book Series Editor: *Agrarian Change and Peasant Studies*, Fernwood and Practical Action (2015 onwards)

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Professional Experience

I have led and participated in a series of research projects dealing with land and agrarian reform, mostly in South Africa and in the Southern African region, including the following:

- Co-investigator, **Medium Scale Farmers in Rural Africa**, a three-country study (Ghana, Tanzania, Namibia), with the University of Cologne, University of Ghana, and Aga Khan University, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation (with Profs Michael Bollig, Clemens Greiner, Kojo Amanor and Emmanuel Sulle)
- Primary Investigator, **Land Justice**, a research and engagement project in South Africa, funded by the Claude Leon Foundation
- Co-convenor, **Building the Next Generation of African Experts in Land Governance**, a continent-wide programme of training and capacity-building, in the Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA), with the African Land Policy Centre, funded by GIZ (with Prof. Moenieba Isaacs)
- Primary Investigator of a three-country study (Ghana, South Africa, Tanzania) on **The Impacts of COVID-19 Responses on the Political Economy of African Food Systems**, funded by the International Development Research Centre, Canada
- Primary Investigator of a three-country study (Ghana, Kenya and Zambia) on **Land and Agricultural Commercialisation in Africa**, on institutional arrangements in land deals, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and Department for International Development, UK
- Primary Investigator of a five-country study (Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe) on community participation in **Commercialisation of Land and 'Land Grabbing' in Southern Africa**, funded by Austrian Development Cooperation
- Regional Hub Coordinator of the **Future Agricultures Consortium** in Southern Africa, and theme coordinator of the Future Agricultures Consortium's work on land in Africa, consisting of case study research on transnational land allocations in five countries (Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Congo, Mozambique) in Africa
- Co-convenor of the **Land Deal Politics Initiative**, and convenor of a small grant programme on large-scale land acquisitions in Africa
- Initiated and implemented a three-country study on **Small-scale Farmers and Fishers** in South Africa, Malawi and Zimbabwe (with Gaynor Paradza)
- Developed and delivered a training module on **Land Tenure and Economic Development** for the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) Land Commission, funded by USAID (with ARD-Inc)
- Conducted a systematic review of evidence from South Africa and elsewhere on the efficacy of Small-scale Farmer Development Policies for the Programme to Support Pro-poor Policy Development in the Presidency (with Michael Aliber)

- Conducted research on farm workers and farm dwellers in Limpopo province, funded by the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (with Poul Wisborg and Shirhami Shirinda)
- Led a national research and advocacy project on policy alternatives for land and agrarian reform, funded by ICCO (with Phillan Zamchiya)
- Jointly led a regional project on decentralisation of land reform in Southern Africa, funded by the Austrian Development Agency (with Karin Kleinbooi)
- Conducted research on the impacts of Zimbabwe's land reform on rural livelihoods in Mozambique, South Africa and Zambia, as part of a collaborative research project, funded by the Research Council of Norway (with Phillan Zamchiya)
- Contributed one report to a restitution post-settlement support project for the Commission on the Restitution of Land Rights, funded by Belgian Technical Cooperation
- Reviewed the Land, Environment and Development (LEAD) programme of the Legal Assistance Centre (LAC), Windhoek, Namibia, for EED
- Conducted analysis of research data collected by the HEED Programme on Pesticide Use Among Small-Scale Farmers in South Africa and Tanzania, School of Public Health, University of Cape Town.
- Commissioned by the Department of Land Affairs to conduct a review of progress towards the realisation of the socio-economic rights of farm dwellers, for the Deputy President
- Commissioned by the Presidency to write a review of land reform, restitution and post-settlement support, for the Second Economy Strategy (with Michael Aliber, Ben Cousins and Edward Lahiff)
- Commissioned by Department of Land Affairs to produce a diagnostic review of communal property institutions in South Africa's land reform, together with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
- Commissioned by GTZ to conduct research on local government development planning, and approaches to land and agrarian reform in integrated development plans (with Moenieba Isaacs and Munyaradzi Saruchera)
- Commissioned by Department for International Development (UK) to conduct a review of methods and impacts in land reform in South Africa (with Edward Lahiff and Peter Jacobs)
- Conducted a national review of land reform policy, practice and outcomes, funded by the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights
- Led a national review of land reform policy, practice and outcomes, funded by the European Union's Foundation for Human Rights (EU-FHR) (with Peter Jacobs)
- Commissioned by the Department of Labour to lead national research to inform the sectoral determination and minimum wage regulations for farm workers, and led initiative on international agricultural trade and its impact on rural livelihoods
- Conducted primary field-based research in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan on strategies pursued to secure women's land rights in contexts of *dalit* communities, as part of a Women's Rights to Land project, Institute of Economic Growth, India
- Conducted an evaluation of the gender impacts of CAMPFIRE's programmes for community-based natural resources management in Nyaminyami District, as part of a Gender and Natural Resource Management Project, Zimbabwe.

Major Conferences convened

“Land, Life and Society”

Hosted by PLAAS and the Land Deal Politics Initiative in Cape Town, South Africa, 7-9 October 2025 (lead convenor)

“Global Land Grabbing”

Hosted by the Journal of Peasant Studies and Universidad de los Andes, with PLAAS, World Development, Globalizations, Antipode, and others, physical conference in Bogota, Colombia, 19-21 March 2024 (convening committee and opening plenary)

“Critical Agrarian Studies in the 21st Century”

Hosted by the Journal of Peasant Studies, China Agricultural University, PLAAS and the Collective of Agrarian Scholar-Activists of the Global South, physical conference in Beijing, China, 10-12 October 2023 (convening committee and opening plenary)

“Climate Change and Agrarian Justice Conference”

Hosted by PLAAS, Journal of Peasant Studies, Transnational Institute and Collective of Agrarian Scholar-Activists of the Global South, 26-29 September 2022 (convening committee)

“Land Conference: The Failed Promise of Tenure Security”

Hosted by PLAAS at University of the Western Cape, Land and Accountability Research Centre at the University of Cape Town, Social and Work Programme at the University of the Witwatersrand, and Legal Resources Centre, hybrid conference in Cape Town / Johannesburg / Durban / East London, 17-19 August 2022 (convening committee)

“Conference on Land Policy in Africa”

Hosted by the African Union, UN Economic Commission for Africa and African Development Bank. Biennial Conference, Kigali, Rwanda, 1-4 November 2021. (Scientific Committee)

“Resolving the Land Question Conference”

Hosted by PLAAS at the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, 4-5 February 2019 (co-convenor with Ben Cousins)

“The Future of Farm Workers in South Africa Conference”

Hosted by PLAAS and the School of Government at the University of the Western Cape and the Women on Farms Project, 16-18 October 2019 (co-director with Stephen Devereux)

“Authoritarian Populism and Emancipatory Rural Politics”

Hosted by the ERPI at the University of the Western Cape, the International Institute for Social Studies at Erasmus University, the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, Cornell University, 16-18 March 2018, The Hague, Netherlands. (convening committee)

“International Conference of the BRICS Initiative for Critical Agrarian Studies”

Hosted by the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) in partnership with PLAAS at University of the Western Cape, China Agricultural University, International Institute for Social Studies at Erasmus University, Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex, 13-17 October 2017, Moscow, Russia (convening committee)

“Rural transformations and food systems: The BRICS and agrarian change in the global South”

Hosted by PLAAS at the University of the Western Cape, University of Brasilia, University of Rio Grande do Sul, Cornell University, University of Sussex and International Institute for Social Studies at Erasmus University, 19-21 April 2015, Cape Town (co-convenor)

“Conference on Land Policy in Africa”

Hosted by African Union, UN Economic Commission for Africa and African Development Bank. Biennial Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 11-14 November 2014. (Scientific Committee)

“Agricultural Investment, Gender and Land in Africa”

Hosted by PLAAS, Future Agricultures Consortium, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, Land Policy Initiative of the African Union / African Development Bank / UN Economic Commission for Africa, Cape Town, 5-7 March 2014 (co-organised with Martha Osorio, Emmanuel Sulle, Sue Mbaya, Clara Park and Anna Rappazzo)

“Land Divided Conference”

Hosted by PLAAS at University of the Western Cape, Stellenbosch University and the University of Cape Town, Cape Town, 25-27 March 2013 (convening committee)

“International Conference on Global Land Grabbing II”

Hosted by the Land Deal Politics Initiative, Future Agricultures Consortium and Journal of Peasant Studies, at Cornell University, 17-19 April 2012 (co-organised with Jun Borras, Ian Scoones, Ben White, Wendy Wolford).

“International Conference on Global Land Grabbing”

Hosted by the Land Deal Politics Initiative, Future Agricultures Consortium and Journal of Peasant Studies, Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, 6-8 April 2011 (co-organised with Jun Borras, Ian Scoones, Ben White, Wendy Wolford).

“Conference on Policy Options for Land and Agrarian Reform in South Africa”

Hosted by PLAAS, Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West, 27-29 October 2007.

“Land, Memory, Reconstruction and Justice: Perspectives on Land Restitution in South Africa”

Hosted by PLAAS, Human Sciences Research Council and University of Stellenbosch, Houw Hoek Inn, Grabouw, 13-15 September 2006 (co-organised with Cherryl Walker, Anna Bohlin, Thembela Kepe, Michael Aliber).

“Conference on International Agricultural Trade and Rural Livelihoods”

Hosted by the Centre for Rural Legal Studies, Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West, October 2001 (co-organised with Bronwyn Page-Shipp, Karin Kleinbooi).

Fundraising

I have fundraised numerous research grants over the past years including:

- € 98 000 GIZ (2025), with Moenieba Isaacs
- € 600 000 Volkswagen Foundation (2025)
- € 200 000 GIZ (2024), with Moenieba Isaacs
- USD\$200,000 GIZ (2023)
- USD\$15,000 Pennsylvania State University (2024)
- USD\$13,500 University of Cologne (2023)
- USD\$200,000 UN Economic Commission for Africa / GIZ (2022)

- € 80 000 Volkswagen Foundation (2022) (co-fundraised with Cyriaque Hakizimana)
- USD\$200,000 UN Economic Commission for Africa / GIZ (2021)
- CAD\$900,000 International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (2020-2021)
- USD\$200,000 UN Economic Commission for Africa / GIZ (2019)
- ZAR 250,000 RAITH Foundation (2019-2020)
- € 120,000 Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (2018)
- € 250,000 European Union / Oxfam Pan Africa (co-fundraised with Emmanuel Sulle)
- USD\$140,000 Open Society Foundation (Global) (2017-2019)
- USD\$250,000 Open Society Institute for Southern Africa (regional) (2016-2017)
- CAD\$100,000 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2017-2018)
- GB£ 500,000 UK Economic and Social Development Council (2013-2016)
- € 600,000 Austrian Development Cooperation (2012-2014)
- € 15,000 German Technical Cooperation (GIZ) (2011)
- GB£ 270,000 Department for International Development (2010-2013)
- US\$ 250,000 Ford Foundation (2010-2012)
- € 299,000 Austrian Development Agency (2008-2010)
- € 81 000 Volkswagen Foundation (2008-2010) (co-fundraised with Frank Matose)
- NKr 475,000 Research Council of Norway (2007-2009)
- NKr 600,000 Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (2007-2009) (co-fundraised with Ben Cousins)
- ZAR 1,916,000 InterChurch Development Cooperation (ICCO) (2005-2007)

Research posts fundraised

Researcher:	Ms Karin Kleinbooi (2007-2011)
Researcher:	Mr Phillan Zamchiya (2006-2009)
Researcher:	Mr Shirhami Shirinda (2007-2009)
Senior Researcher:	Dr Gaynor Paradza (2011-2014)
Senior Researcher:	Dr Barbara Tapela (2012)
Senior Researcher:	Dr Darlene Miller (2013-2014)
Researcher:	Mr Emmanuel Sulle (2014-2019)
Researcher:	Ms Refiloe Joala (2016-2017)
Researcher:	Mr Cyriaque Hakizimana (2013-2019)
Senior Researcher:	Dr Phillan Zamchiya (2016)

Teaching and Supervision

Teaching and Training

- Convenor: The Agrarian Question in Southern Africa, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, (2008-2019)
- Convenor: The Economics of Food and Farming Systems, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies (2020-2023)
- Convenor: The Political Economy of Land Governance in Africa, short course (2018-2022)
- Convenor: Writeshop in Critical Agrarian Studies and Scholar-Activism (2019-2022)
- Convenor: The Agrarian Question in Africa, short course (2019)
- Convenor (with Ben Cousins): Political Economy of the Agrarian Question in Southern Africa (2013)
- Convenor (with Ben Cousins): NUMSA short course (2013)

Postdoc Supervision

Dr Mnqobi Ngubane, University of the Western Cape (South Africa) – completed
 Dr Arnold Chamunogwa, University of Oxford, UK (Zimbabwe) – completed
 Dr Boaventura Monjane, Coimbra University, Portugal (Mozambique) - completed
 Dr George Mudimu, China Agricultural University, China (Zimbabwe) – completed
 Dr Tara Weinberg, University of Michigan (South Africa) – completed

Dr Tapiwa Chatikobo, University of the Western Cape (Zimbabwe) - ongoing

PhD Supervision

- Eria Serwajja, PhD in Development Studies, 2014 (Uganda)
- Emmanuel Sulle (PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies, 2021 (Tanzania)
- Loveness Msofi, PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies, 2023 (Malawi)
- Cyriaque Hakizimana, PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies, 2025 (SA/Burundi)
- Sthandiwe Yeni, PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies, 2025 (South Africa)
- Charity Dangwa Rusere, PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies, 2025 (Zimbabwe)
- Odenda Lumumba (PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies (Kenya) – pending
- Refiloe Joala, PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies (South Africa) – pending
- Nduduzo Majosi, PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies (South Africa) – pending
- Shane Phiri, PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies (South Africa) – pending
- Clemente Ntauazi, PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies (Mozambique) – pending
- Desmond Ncube, PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies (Zimbabwe) - pending
- Sienne Molepo, PhD in Land and Agrarian Studies, (South Africa) - pending

MPhil Supervision

- Boyce Tom (MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, 2007 (South Africa)
- Phillan Zamchiya (MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, first class, 2009 (Zimbabwe)
- Shirhami Shirinda (MPhil by full thesis in Land and Agrarian Studies, 2012 (South Africa)
- Sithandiwe Yeni (MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, 2013 (South Africa)
- Ndivhuho Ranwedzi (MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, first class, 2013 (South Africa)
- Odenda Lumumba (MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, first class, 2014 (Kenya)
- Prisca Mandimika, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, 2020 (Namibia)
- Clemente Ntauazi, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, first class, 2022 (Mozambique)
- Constance Mogale, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, passed away 2023 (South Africa)
- Ashley Fischhoff, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, first class, 2024 (South Africa)
- Sienne Molepo, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, first class, 2025 (South Africa)
- Tetelo Maila, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies, first class 2025 (South Africa)
- Godfrey Massay, MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies (Tanzania) - pending

External examiner

- University of Cape Town, SA
- University of Free State, SA
- University of KwaZulu-Natal, SA
- Rhodes University, SA
- University of Stellenbosch, SA
- University of North West, SA
- University of the Witwatersrand, SA
- International Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands
- Makerere University, Uganda
- University of Oxford, UK
- Wageningen University, Netherlands

Journal Referee

African Affairs, African Conflict and Peace Review, Agenda, Agrekon, Agricultural Economics, Development and Change, Development Southern Africa, Ecology & Society, Feminist Africa, Food Security, Geoforum,

Journal for Contemporary History, Journal of Agrarian Change, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Peasant Studies, Land Use Policy, Review of African Political Economy, South African Journal of Human Rights, Stellenbosch Law Review, Transformation.

Boards and Professional bodies

- Board of Trustees: Ndifuna Ukwazi (2019 onwards)
- Board of Directors: Social Justice Initiative (2023 onwards)
- Advisory Board: Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa, University of Ghana (2019-2022)
- Editorial Board: Social Dynamics (2017-2021)
- Advisory Board: Cadasta (2016-2017)
- Steering Committee: South African Land Observatory (2017-2019)
- Panelist: Illovo Roundtable Committee on Land (2016-2017)

International Research Consortia

- Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (2018 - current)
- Regional Hub Coordinator: Future Agricultures Consortium (FAC), Southern Africa (2013-2017)
- Co-founder and co-convenor: BRICS Initiative for Critical Agrarian Studies (BICAS), (2013-2019)
- Co-founder and co-convenor: Land Deal Politics Initiative (LDPI), (2010-2017)

University committees

- Senate (2016 - current)
- Research and Study Leave Committee, EMS Faculty (2012-2018)
- Higher Degrees Committee, EMS Faculty (2019-2023)
- Senate Research Committee (2024 - current)

Scholarship trusts

- Selection committee: Rhodes Scholarships Trust (South Africa at Large), 2024 to present
- Selection committee: Rhodes Scholarships Trust (schools), 2019 to present
- Trustee: United World Scholarships Scholarship Trust of Southern Africa, 2006-2019
- Chairperson: United World Colleges Scholarships Trust of South Africa (Western Cape), 2005-2008
- Selection committee: Rhodes Scholarships Trust of Southern Africa (Western Cape), 2002-2006

Other advisory and review positions

- Reviewer: UKRI (United Kingdom Research and Innovation)
- Reviewer: European Research Council
- Reviewer: Danish Research Foundation
- Member: African Union Commission's Scientific Committee on Land Policy in Africa
- Assessor: Promotions Committee, Agricultural Economics, University of Ghana
- Expert Reviewer: Finnish National Research Foundation
- Expert Reviewer: 'Innovation in Agricultural and Food Systems for Food Security' programme, Swiss National Science Foundation
- Reviewer: Netherlands Research Foundation
- Reviewer: China-Africa programme, UK Department for International Development and Economic and Social Research Council
- Reviewer: South African National Research Foundation

- Advisor: International Land Coalition advisor for Strategic Framework
- Reference Group on the Sector Plan for Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa
- Reviewer of LANDac research funding proposal for Land Academy, Leiden University, Netherlands
- Panel of Experts on Agricultural Production in South Africa, National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa
- Vice-chairperson: Rural Education and Community Health (REACH) – NGO working on sexual violence, sexual harassment among women farm workers
- Expert review panel: Women and Girls’ Property and Inheritance Rights Grants Program, International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Global Coalition on Women and Aids (GCWA), with funds provided by UNAIDS.
- Reviewer, Department for International Development (Dfid) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Joint Research Scheme, United Kingdom.
- HOPE Africa, rural development training reference group, Anglican church, Southern Africa
- HEED Programme on Pesticide Use Among Small-Scale Farmers in South Africa and Tanzania, School of Public Health, University of Cape Town.
- Department of Land Affairs reference group on Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Department of Land Affairs reference group on Communal Property Institutions

Referees

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