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## Education

**Ph.D. in Quantitative Economics**, Kiel University (CAU), Germany — expected Dec. 2026
Dissertation: *The Missing Middle: Measuring Africa's Middle Class and Its Demand for Democracy*

**M.S. in Economics**, African School of Economics (ASE), Abomey-Calavi, Benin — 2020

**B.A. in Economics**, École Nationale d'Économie Appliquée et de Management (ENEAM), Cotonou, Benin — 2018

## Fields

Development Economics, Political Economy, Machine Learning

## Job Market Paper

**Where the Windfall Lands: Export Booms and the Demand for Democracy in Africa**

Export booms can increase household resources or strengthen dependence on benefits controlled by the state. I examine their relationship with democratic demand across African districts where farming is more or less common, linking fixed crop maps and world prices to 125,659 Afrobarometer respondents in 22 countries. A one-standard-deviation three-year boom has a fitted demand response 0.025 standard deviations more positive where the district farming share is 25 percentage points higher; crop-history tests do not reject at the 10 percent level after adjustment. Aligned area-level consumption comparisons do not verify an accompanying resource gain, leaving income transmission unresolved.

## Working Papers

**Estimating Middle-Class Shares in Afrobarometer Using Survey-to-Survey Imputation**

**Mapping Africa's Middle Class Across Space** (with Tobias Heidland)

**Preparing for FX Intervention** (with Tobias Heidland and Lukas Menkhoff). Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*

## Research Experience

**Researcher**, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel, Germany — 2021–present
DYNAMIG project (Horizon Europe, 2023–2025): multi-country online survey on living conditions and migration attitudes in Africa

**Researcher**, DIW Berlin, Germany — 2022–2023

**Research Assistant**, Institute of Empirical Research in Political Economy (IREPE), Cotonou, Benin — 2020–2021

**Research Assistant**, Center of Research and Support – Advice for Developments, Cotonou, Benin — 2020

## Teaching Experience

**Assistant Lecturer**, Effects of Globalization in Developing Countries, Kiel University — 2023–2024

**Assistant Lecturer**, Econometrics, African School of Economics, Benin — 2021

**Assistant Lecturer**, Mathematics (Bachelor), African School of Economics, Benin — 2019

Bachelor's thesis support on occupational aspirations using NEPS data

## Skills

**Programming** R, Python, Stata, QGIS, LaTeX
**Languages** French (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate)

## References

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