

## CURRICULUM VITAE OF BHASO NDZENDZE (SEPTEMBER 2020)

### 1. Contact Information

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### 2. Research Areas

- Africa's international relations (China, EU, Brazil, Taiwan, and the US)
- African interstate conflicts, militarised interstate disputes, and post-conflict recovery
- International relations theory (democratic peace, deterrence, economic interdependence, hegemonic stability, signalling, and selectorate theory)
- Political science methodology
- Opportunity cost
- Technology dynamics in international relations
- Trade, FDI and peace economics

### 3. Education

- Doctor of Philosophy (International Relations), University of the Witwatersrand. **2020**. Dissertation: *Explaining East Africa's Interstate Wars, 1977-2000: Towards a Typological Theory?*
- Executive Programme: Blockchain Technologies: Business Innovation and Application, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management. **2020**.
- Executive Programme: Artificial Intelligence, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management. **2020**.
- Certificate: EU-Russia Relations: University of Tartu, Estonia. **2020**. Foreign Policy Actors, Institutions and Policy-Making.
- Basic Mandarin certificate, Nanjing Tech University, China. **2018**.
- Master of Arts (International Relations), *with distinction*, University of the Witwatersrand, **2018**. Thesis: *An Opportunity Cost Analysis of the Africa-One China Nexus, 2001-2016*.
- Bachelor of Arts (International Relations, Politics, and Psychology Triple Major), University of the Witwatersrand, **2016**.

#### 4. Work Experience

##### 4.1. Current position(s):

- **Research Director**, University of Johannesburg Centre for Africa-China Studies (since 2018).
- **Senior Lecturer**, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg (Courses on 'Introduction to International Relations,' 'International Law', 'Africa-China Relations', and 'Technological Dynamics in International Politics' [since 2019]).
- **Commissioning Editor (Theory)**, *E-International Relations* (since 2020).

##### 4.2. Previous positions:

- Research Coordinator, University of Johannesburg Confucius Institute (2017-2020).
- Researcher in the Office of the Senior Director: Administration and Strategic Initiatives, University of Johannesburg (2017-2018).
- Researcher, Embassy of the Republic of Korea (South Korea) in the Republic of South Africa (2016-2017).
- Research Associate, International Enterprise Singapore (2017).

#### 5. Selected Publications

##### 5.1. Journal articles

- 'Strains in Sino-Indian Relations: The BRICS Achilles' Heel?', *Penn State University Journal of International Affairs*, November 2017 (online).
- 'Federalism with South African Characteristics? Traditional Authorities and Customary Law in a Democratic, Constitutional State', *The Thinker*, 76(2), 2018.
- with Emmanuel Matambo, 'Between Setbacks and Innate Potential: The African Union and the African Security Landscape', *The Thinker*, 79(1), 2019.
- 'China's Belt and Road Initiative: Linkages with the African Union's Agenda 2063 in Historical Perspective,' *Transnational Corporations Review*, 11(1): 38-49, 2019.
- 'Is there a Reverse Correlation in Growth of Japanese and Chinese Exports to Africa? Evidence from South Africa, Kenya and Uganda, 2007-2017', *Tamkang Journal of International Affairs*, 23(2): 39-80, 2019.
- 'Realpolitik in the Africa–One China Nexus, 2001-2008: The Cases of Chad and Malawi', *Studia Europea*, 2(1): 53-80, 2019.

- 'Inversely Correlated? Comparing EU-27 and Chinese Exports to South Africa, 2007-2018', 28(1), *The European Foreign Affairs Review*, 2020.
- 'Domestic Audiences and Economic Opportunity Cost: African Democratisation as a Determinant in the Recognition of China over Taiwan, 2001–2018,' *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 56(3), 2020.
- Under consideration: 'Googling the election cycle: US and South African mutual online queries for presidential frontrunners, 2004-2019,' *African Studies Quarterly*.
- Under consideration: 'BRICS countries' competitiveness in the 4IR: findings from 3 World Economic Forum indicators' *International Trade Journal*.
- Under consideration: 'Declarations of intent: themes of interstate war in African national anthems,' *African Studies*.

## **5.2. Book**

- *The Continent we Construct* (Verity Publishers, ISBN: 0994665407). 2015.
- Also wrote a creative commons *Beginner's Dictionary of Contemporary International Relations* (Arrow, ISBN: 0620744677). 2017.

## **5.3. Forthcoming books**

- co-edited with David Monyae, *The BRICS Order: Assertive or Complementing the West?* (Palgrave Macmillan). Q4 2020.
- with Tshilidzi Marwala, *Artificial Intelligence and International Relations Theories* (Palgrave Macmillan). December 2020.
- with Tshilidzi Marwala, *Artificial Intelligence and International Relations* (World Scientific Press). May 2021.

## **5.4. Book chapters**

- with Tshilidzi Marwala, 'Chapter 23: South Africa and the Fourth Industrial Revolution' in *The Oxford Handbook of the South African Economy*, edited by Fiona Tregenna, Arkebe Oqubay, and Imaan Valodia. Oxford University Press. Forthcoming 2021.
- with Tshilidzi Marwala, 'All Hands on Deck: University-Industry Collaboration and Patent Filings in South Africa, 2009-2019,' *Trends in African Higher Education*, edited by Omar Egesah. Publisher to be confirmed. Forthcoming 2021.
- with Nomzamo Gondwe, 'ESwatini-Taiwan Relations: Domestic Audience Costs and China's Irrelevance?' in *China and Taiwan in Africa: The Struggle for Diplomatic Recognition and Hegemony*, edited by Sabella O. Abidde. Springer. Forthcoming 2021.

- ‘African Democratisation as a Determinant in the Recognition of China over Taiwan’, *Title TBC*, edited by Sabella O. Abidde. Forthcoming 2021.

### 5.5. Book reviews

- *The Eagle and the Springbok: Essays on Nigeria and South Africa* by Adekeye Adebajo (Jacana, 2018: Johannesburg) in *International Affairs*, 94(3).
- *Toussaint Louverture: A Black Jacobin in the Age of Revolutions* by Charles Forsdick and Christian Høgsbjerg (Pluto/Wits University Press, 2017: Johannesburg) in *The Thinker*, 76.
- *From the Outside In: Domestic Actors in South Africa’s Foreign Policy* by Chris Landsberg and Lesley Masters (Jacana, 2018: Johannesburg) in *The Thinker*, 77.
- *China and India’s Development Cooperation in Africa: The Rise of Southern Powers* by Philani Mthembu (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018: London) in *International Affairs*, 95(3).

### 5.6. Reports

- ‘2017 in Review: What the future holds for Africa-China relations,’ *CGTN Africa*, December 31, 2017.
- ‘Turning crisis into opportunity? Agricultural exports to China during the trade war,’ South African Institute of International Affairs, 30 July 2020.
- ‘China’s Artificial Intelligence Strategy and Trajectory,’ *Modern Diplomacy*, 2020.

### 5.7. Popular press articles

- [‘Choosing ‘the better evil’? The contrast effect and the relative nature of soft power’](#), *Modern Diplomacy*, 23 March 2017.
- [‘Democracy, Statecraft, and the Partitions of Poland, 1772-1795’](#), *Modern Diplomacy*, 13 April 2017.
- [‘There Will Always Be Spanish Catalonia’](#), *Modern Diplomacy*, 17 April 2017.
- [‘The White House’s flagrant ignorance on Africa’](#), *Pretoria News*, 16 January 2018.
- [‘Corruption is a crime against humanity, will measures change anything?’](#), *Cape Times*, 6 February 2018.
- with Charles Matseke, [‘The Role of Sustainable Development in Preventing the Relapse of Conflict in Africa’](#), *Modern Diplomacy*, 12 February 2018.

- with David Monyae, 'On the Brink of a New Cold War, What is the Place of the BRICS?', *Cape Times*, 19 June 2018.
- '[Implications of the US-Led War on Terror on China-Africa Relations](#)', *UJCI Africa-China Occasional Papers Series*, 5 October 2017.
- '[Brics members' low investment in JSE points to limited economic ties](#)', *Business Day*, 24 July 2018.
- '[Trade, BRICS and Geography: Why Turkey Matters](#)', 2 August 2018.
- '[When it comes to geography and more, Turkey's part in #BRICS matters](#)', *The Star*, 7 August 2018.
- 'In an era of Artificial Intelligence, optimists for peace are warranted'. *The Mercury*, 13 August 2018.
- with Sara Zumbika Van Hoeymissen, '[China and Africa's Integration Agenda: The Role of FOCAC](#)', ISPI (Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale),
- with Gift Sonkqayi, '[Chinese will not take over our classrooms](#)', *Mail and Guardian*.
- '[On the Lack of Theory in Africa-China Analysis](#)', *Journal of International Affairs* (University of Columbia). 24 January 2019.
- 'A proxy for intra-alliance economic confidence: Private sector BRIC shareholding in Johannesburg Stock Exchange-listed companies, 2010-2018', *Foreign Affairs and Policy Institute of South Africa*.
- '[Malawi and the One China Policy: 1964–2008](#)', e-IR, 22 April 2019.
- '[African Democratisation and the One China Policy](#)', *E-IR*, 24 January 2020.
- 'SA's Star Role in the 4IR', *The Star*, 13 February 2020.
- with Tshilidzi Marwala, '[Global inequality and opportunity in the Fourth Industrial Revolution](#)', *Daily Maverick*. 5 March 2020.
- '[To Silence the Guns, Africa Should Tap Its Diaspora](#)', *Modern Diplomacy*, 22 March 2020.
- '[Can these 6 worldwide Google search trends predict the 2020 US presidential election?](#)', *Modern Diplomacy*, 2 April 2020.

#### 5.8. Published interview(s)

- Interviewed Ambassador Smuts Ngonyama (to Japan) on the future of South African economic diplomacy, July 2020. *E-IR*.

## **6. Student Supervision Record**

6 honours and master's supervised on topics including FDI, the 4IR, China-Africa relations, and the BRICS. Record available on request.

## **7. Courses Developed**

*Technology Dynamics in International Politics* (POL8X27), University of Johannesburg. 2019.

*The International Political Economy of Africa-China Studies* (POL8X13), University of Johannesburg. 2018.

## **8. Conferences, Panels and Guest Lectures**

- 'The Three Great Experiments in World Peace, 1919-Present,' Wits University (26 April 2018).
- 'Understanding China's Interest in Africa,' Wits University (12 May 2018).
- 'Traditional Authority and Customary Law in Post-1994 South Africa,' South African Historical Association (HASA, 19-22 June 2018).
- 'Post-Reform Chinese and Post-Apartheid South African Youth in Comparative Perspective, 1978-2018: Congruence Analyses,' 2018 Forum on China-South Africa Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Jinha City, Zhejiang Province, P.R. China; 25 June, 2018).
- 'China's Belt and Road Initiative: Linkages with the African Union's Agenda 2063 in Historical Perspective,' University of Zimbabwe (24 August, 2018).
- 'The Cuban Missile Crisis,' Wits University (6 September, 2018).
- 'The Pre-Origins, Rise and Fall of ISIS,' Wits University (3 October, 2018).
- 'Africa and the US-China Trade War,' Policy Monitoring and Research Centre, Lusaka, Zambia (22 May 2019).
- 'The BRICS and the 4IR,' University of Sao Paolo, Sao Paolo, Brazil (10 December 2019).
- 'Artificial Intelligence and South Africa's International Relations,' AI Dialogue of South Africa (5 August 2020).

## 9. Seminars/Conferences Organised

- Book Launch of Chuma Nwokole's *The Extinction of the Manai*, 27 Nov. 2017. **Participants:** Professor Chuma Nwokole (Keynote Speaker), Raphael D'Abdon (Respondent).
- **'South Africa-China Relations at Twenty: Key Lessons for the Next Decade'**, 16 Mar. 2018. **Participants:** Fmr. Dep. Minister of Foreign Affairs (South Africa) Ambassador Aziz Pahad, Ambassador Lin Songtian (Keynote Speaker), Dr Bob Wekesa (1st Respondent), Professor Garth Shelton (2nd Respondent).
- **'The Battle of the Giants: Shifting Sino-US Relations — Implications for Africa'**, 11 May 2018. **Participants:** Professor Wang Dong (Keynote Speaker), Dr Henry Sun (Guest Speaker), Sanusha Naidu (Respondent).
- **'The New Cold War?'**, 30 May 2018. **Participants:** Prof Alex Mezyaev (Keynote Speaker), Dr Essop Pahad (Respondent).
- **'Satellite Cooperation: The Next Frontier of Sino-African Relations'**, 11 Jun. 2018. **Participants:** Dr Zhu Ming (Keynote Speaker), Professor Arthur Mutambara (Respondent).
- **'South African Economic Policy Since 1994'**, 23 July 2018. **Participants:** Professor Mongane Wally Serote (Chair), Fmr. Minister of Public Enterprises Alec Erwin (Keynote Speaker), Fmr. Minister in the Presidency Dr Essop Pahad (Respondent).
- **'China at 70: Policy, Institutions and Development'**, 9 October 2019. **Participants:** Professor Martin Jacques, Ms Hannah Ryder, and Dr David Monyae.
- **'The Intellectual Work and Legacy of Thandika Mkandawire,'** 29 April 2020. **Participants:** Prof Gilbert Khadiagala, Dr Ibbo Mandaza and Elinor Sisulu (Chair).
- **'People-to-people relations during COVID-19'**, 20 May 2020. **Participants:** Prof Siphamandla Zondi, Prof Qin Shengyong, and Dr Ying Cheng.
- **'China's Global Diplomatic Relations: COVID-19 and Beyond,'** 24 June 2020. **Participants:** Kerry Brown.
- **'Nelson Mandela's Soccer Diplomacy,'** 12 July 2020. **Participants:** Mr. Nathi Mthethwa, Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture, Dr Danny Jordaan, President of the South African Football Association (SAFA); Neil Tovey, former captain of Bafana Bafana; the African soccer journalist Coudjoe Amankwaa; Gary Rathbone, General Manager of SABC Sport; and researcher David Maimela.

## **10. Awards and Honours**

- *Mail and Guardian* 200 – Education (2019)
- Walter and Albertina Sisulu Prize in International Relations (2017/18)
- Korean Essay Contest, South Africa (2016)

## **11. References**

Available on request.