

Curriculum Vitae of Bhaso Ndzendze, PhD

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1. Background Information

- Born: 1995, October
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: South African

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3. Research Areas

- International Political Economy
 1. Africa's international relations (China, EU, Russia and US; interstate conflict and MIDs)
 2. Trade and democracy
 3. Technology dynamics in international relations

4. Education

4.1. Degrees and Diplomas

BA (2016), BAHons (2017), MA (2018), PhD (International Relations), University of the Witwatersrand. Dissertation: *Explaining East Africa's Interstate Wars, 1977-2000: Towards a Typological Theory?* **2020**.

Currently studying: PGDip Labour Law (UJ), expected 2022

4.2. Certificates

- Leadership Development: University of Johannesburg. **2021.**
- 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. Foreign Policy Actors, Institutions and Policy-Making. **2019.**
- Certificate: Basic Mandarin, Nanjing Tech University, China. **2018.**

5. Work Experience

○ Current roles:

- **Head of Department**, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg (since June 2021).
- **Head of Unit**, 4IR and Digital Policy Research Unit (4DPRU), Faculty of Humanities, University of Johannesburg (since November 2021).
- **Senior Lecturer**, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg (Courses: 'Introduction to International Relations,' 'International Law,' 'Africa-China Relations,' 'Defining Moments in African Politics' and 'Technology Dynamics in International Politics') (since October 2020).

○ Volunteer roles:

- **Commissioning Editor: Theory**, *E-International Relations* (since 2020).
- **Research Chair: Quality of Democracy**, South African Association of Political Studies (since 2020).
- **Quarterly Contributor**, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (*Ubuntu Magazine*) (since 2020).
- **Editor in Chief**, *Digital Policy Studies* (since July 2021).

○ Work history:

Research Director, University of Johannesburg Centre for Africa-China Studies (2018-2020). **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). **Assistant Lecturer**, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg (April 2019 to September 2020). **Freelance Researcher**, Embassy of the Republic of Korea (South Korea) in the Republic of South Africa (2016-2017). **Editor-in-Chief**, *The Wits Independent* (student

newspaper), University of the Witwatersrand (2015). **Research Assistant**, Department of Psychology, University of the Witwatersrand (2014).

6. Selected Publications

6.1. Journal articles and book chapters

- '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.
- 'BRICS and the Economics of Terrorism,' *Latin American Report*, 36(2), 31-54, 2020.
- With Anelisa Mzungulu, 'Alleviating Unemployment in South Africa: Harnessing Comparative Advantage in the Services Sector,' *The Thinker*, 88(3), 18-29, 2021.
- 'South Africa-Russia Trade Relations in the Mbeki-Putin Years, 1999-2008,' *Southern African Strategic Review*, 43(1), 79-102.

6.2. Books (3)

- *The Political Economy of Sino-South African Trade and Regional Competition*. Palgrave Macmillan. 2021. Single authored.
- Co-edited with Prof David Monyae, *The BRICS Order: Assertive or Complementing the West?* (Palgrave Macmillan). 2021.

- With Prof Tshilidzi Marwala, *Artificial Intelligence and International Relations* (World Scientific Press). 2021.

6.3. Forthcoming books (all accepted, 2)

- 6.3.1.** *Artificial Intelligence and International Relations Theories* (Palgrave Macmillan). 2022. Accepted. With Prof Tshilidzi Marwala.
- 6.3.2.** *East Africa's Interstate Wars: Causes, Costs and Solutions*. E-IR Publishers. Forthcoming 2023. Accepted.

6.4. Book chapters (6)

- 'Autochthonous Routes to Democracy,' pp. in Monyae, D and Ndzendze, B, *The BRICS Order: Assertive or Complementing the West?*. Palgrave Macmillan: London.
- 'Strains in Sino-Indian Relations: Wither the BRICS?,' pp. in Monyae, D and Ndzendze, B, *The BRICS Order: Assertive or Complementing the West?*. Palgrave Macmillan: London.
- 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 Imraan Valodia. Oxford University Press. 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. 2022.
- 'China vs Taiwan in Africa: The Role of Electoral Competitiveness,' *Africa-China-Taiwan Relations, 1949-2020*, edited by Sabella O. Abidde. Lexington Press. 2022.
- 'Assessing China's "New Assertiveness" in Historical Context,' *Critical Reflections on Asian Disputes*, edited by Moises de Souza. E-IR Publishers. 2022.

6.5. 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).

6.6. 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.
- With Olumide Abimbola and Faten Aggad, 'What is Africa's Digital Agenda?,' African Policy Research Institute, July 2021.

6.7. Selected popular press articles (*Business Day, Cape Times, Daily Maverick, Mercury, Mail & Guardian, Sunday Independent, The Mercury, Pretoria Times, The Thinker*)

- '[Democracy, Statecraft, and the Partitions of Poland, 1772-1795](#)', *Modern Diplomacy*, 13 April 2017.
- with Charles Matseke, '[The Role of Sustainable Development in Preventing the Relapse of Conflict in Africa](#)', *Modern Diplomacy*, 12 February 2018.
- '[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.
- 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.
- '[International relations after Covid-19: transformation of global value chains](#),' *Daily Maverick*, 21 April 2020.
- '[Huawei-Google clash is an opportunity for African search engines](#),' *Daily Maverick*, 28 July 2020.
- '[Trade with America thrived under Trump](#),' *Mail and Guardian Thought Leader*, 22 January 2021.
- '[Beyond the digital trade war: Technology and the future of US-Africa relations under Biden](#),' *Mail & Guardian*, 26 January 2021.
- '[South Africa's military in the 4IR era](#),' *Mail and Guardian Thought Leader*, 18 February 2021.

6.8. Published interview(s)

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

7. Student Supervision Record

7 honours, 10 masters and 12 PhD projects graduated or under supervision on topics including FDI, the 4IR, labour unions, trade, China-Africa relations, and the BRICS. Record available on request.

1 postdoctoral research fellow (Dr Margaret Monyani).

8. Courses Developed

The International Political Economy of Africa-China Studies (POL8X13), Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg. 2018.

Africa's Defining Moments (POL2C), Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg. 2019.

Technology Dynamics in International Politics (POL8X27), Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg. 2019.

International Law in International Relations (POL3C), Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg. 2020.

9. 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 (Jinhua 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 Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil (10 December 2019).
- 'Artificial Intelligence and South Africa's International Relations,' AI Dialogue of South Africa (5 August 2020).
- 'Global Tech Rivalries and the City of Johannesburg,' City of Johannesburg Government (30 September 2020).
- 'African Languages and the 4IR,' Universities South Africa (30 October 2020).
- 'The International Politics Shaping our Future,' (Keynote Address) Digital Council Africa (18 October 2021).
- 'China's New Territorial Assertiveness: Lessons from Resolved Disputes,' University of Central Lancashire (30 November 2021).
- 'China and the EU in Africa: A Decade of Soft Power Shifts in Review,' University of Göttingen (14 December 2021).

10. Seminars and 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.
- Civil Society as an Agent of Good Governance and Innovation in Africa (31 August to 1 September 2021).

11. Awards and Honours

- Distinguished Fellow, Mail & Guardian—Jakes Gerwel Fellowship (since 2020)
- *Mail and Guardian* Young 200 – Education category (2019)
- Walter and Albertina Sisulu Prize in International Relations (2017/18)
- Postgraduate Merit Award, Wits University (2017 and 2018)
- Korean Essay Contest, South Africa (2016)

