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Experience

Assistant Professor Sep 2018 to Current
Division of African Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies – Yongin-si, Republic of Korea

Main teaching and research fields include aid and state-building; foreign direct investment; conflicts and economic development; regional economic integration; non-governmental organizations; and research methodology, with particular emphasis on the Sub-Saharan African region.

Research Professor Jan 2018 to Aug 2018
Institute for Euro-African Studies, Hanyang University – Seoul, Republic of Korea
Research and teaching in the department of political science.

Analyst Jun 2010 to Dec 2013
Agence Nationale pour la Promotion des Investissements (ANAPI) – Kinshasa, DR Congo

Trainee Jun 2009 to Aug 2009
Department of Macroeconomic Analysis, Ministry of Planning and Reconstruction – Kinshasa, DR Congo

Skills

- Statistical Analysis in Stata and R
- French and English

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Public Policy 2017
Seoul National University – Seoul
Thesis: Socio-economic Performance in Sub-Saharan Africa with Reference to Southeast Asia: Natural Resources or Institutions?

- Coursework in Research Methodology, Advanced Quantitative Analysis, Qualitative Analysis, Development Policies, Economic Policies, Policy Analysis, Research on Policy Process, International Commercial Policy, Government Accounting, ODA Management and Evaluation, Theories of Public Policy, Comparative Politics, Foreign Direct Investment.

Master of Arts, Public Administration 2013
Seoul National University – Seoul

Bachelor of Arts, Economics 2010
University of Kinshasa – Kinshasa

Research and Publications

Publications

- Katoka, B. & Dostal, J.M. (Forthcoming) “Natural Resources, International Commodity Prices, and Economic Performance in Sub-Saharan Africa (1990-2019).”

- Katoka, B. & Bethel, G. (Forthcoming) “Korea’s Country Partnership Strategy for Ethiopia: Assessing the Impact on Bilateral Trade.”
- Katoka, B. (2020) “Do Natural Disasters Reduce Foreign Direct Investment Inflows in Sub-Saharan Africa?” In *The Economic Effects of Natural Disasters: Theoretical Foundations, Methods, and Tools*, pp. 529-546. Academic Press.
- Katoka, B. & Kim, S. (2020) “Human Development Index in Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia: Does Good Governance Matter?”. *시민사회와 NGO*, 18(1): 167-202.
- Katoka, B. (2018) “How Good Is Aid for Institution Building in the Democratic Republic of Congo.” *Global Social Policy*, 18(2): 228-234.
- Katoka, B. & Kwon, H.J. (2018) “Business Regulations and Foreign Direct Investment in Sub-Saharan Africa: Implications for Regulatory Reform.” In *Financing Sustainable Development in Africa*, pp. 63-92. 2018. Palgrave.
- Katoka, B., Kim, S. & Lee, C. (2018) *The Resource Curse and Policy Prescriptions to Avoid It: An Application to the DR Congo*. *Korean Journal of Area Studies*, 36(1): 231-258.
- Katoka, B. & Kwon, H.J. (2018) “Socio-economic Performance in Sub-Saharan Africa with Reference to Southeast Asia: Natural Resources or Institutions?” *Korean Journal of Policy Studies*, 32(3): 1- 27.

Conference Papers

- “South Korea’s Engagement with Africa from African Perspective.” Association of African Studies of India (ASA), (ASA) CAS-JNU & ASA India, Web-Symposium Series. October 10th, 2020. <http://www.africanstudies.in/menu/last-conference/>
- “The Paradox of Fragile States: Building the State Capacity of Fragile States in Sub-Saharan Africa (Revised Version).” Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDC) Summer Conference 2020. August 21st, 2020. Seoul, South Korea.
- “Same Institutional Landscapes But Diverging Development Trajectories? Development Performance in Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia”. Development Studies Association (DSA) 2020 Conference: New Leadership for Global Challenges. June 16-19, 2020. Birmingham, United Kingdom. <https://nomadit.co.uk/conference/dsa2020/paper/53857>
- “Does Aid Support the State Capacity of Fragile States in Africa?” Korea Association of African Studies (KAAS) Winter Conference 2019. December 14th, 2019. Seoul, South Korea.
- “The Paradox of Fragile States: Building the State Capacity of Fragile States in Africa.” Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDC) Winter Conference 2018. December 13th, 2019. Seoul, South Korea.
- “How to Engage Private Sector in Development Cooperation?” 2019 Korean Institute of Public Administration (KIPA) International Seminar. Research & Policy Nexus for Sustainable Development. November 26th, 2019. Seoul, South Korea.
- “How Good Is Aid for Revenue Mobilization in African Fragile States?”. Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) Conference 2019. June 5-7, 2019. Vancouver, Canada.
- “The Challenge of Achieving SDG 16 in the DR Congo: Learning from Bilateral ODA Programs.” Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity 2019. May 29-31, 2019. Jeju, South Korea.
- “Aid and State-Building in African Fragile States: Implications in the DR Congo.” Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDC) Winter Conference 2018. December 7th, 2018. Seoul, South Korea.
- “The Resource Curse and Policy Prescriptions to Avoid it: An Application to the DR Congo.” The International Studies Association (ISA)-West Conference. September 21-22, 2017. Pasadena, California, USA.

- “How Sub-Saharan Africa Differs from Southeast Asia: Institutional Quality and Development Performance.” The 1st Concordia-McGill Universities African Studies Conference. October 5-6, 2017. Montreal, Canada.
- “Natural Resources and Economic Performance in Sub-Saharan Africa (1990-2015).” 8th Korea International Studies Association (KISA) Congress. November 30, 2016. Seoul, South Korea.
- “Dictatorship and Economic Development: A Comparative Analysis of DR the Congo and South Korea.” The Brain Korea-21 PLUS & Asia Development Institute International Conference. November 15-16, 2014. Seoul, South Korea.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, International Public Policy Association (IPPA) (2018 - present)
- Member, Development Studies Association (DSA) (2020 - present)

Additional Information

Invited Lectures

- “Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development.” United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) CIFAL. December 10, 2019. Jeju, South Korea.
- “International Development Cooperation in the Democratic Republic of Congo.” Ajou University. December 27, 2018. Suwon, South Korea.
- “International Development Cooperation Policy in the Democratic Republic of Congo.” Asia Development Institute—Open House, Seoul National University. September 10, 2018. Seoul, South Korea.
- “United States Foreign Policy in the African Great Lakes Region.” Comparative Politics Course, Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University. November 2017.
- “Business Regulations and Foreign Direct Investment in Sub-Saharan Africa: The World Bank’s Doing Business Index.” Asia Development Institute—Special Lecture Series, Seoul National University. July 6, 2016. Seoul, South Korea.

Columns

- “How Should the Korean Government Approach Development Cooperation in Fragile States? An African Scholar’s Perspective.” Korean Association of International Development and Cooperation Newsletter.
https://www.kaidec.kr/contents/bbspagexbd/board.php?bo_table=m2_db3&wr_id=19&fbclid=IwAR1v_5CEqwg_-TuNnDAD4e2izBIRlxOiA1INasOjkBnT1ETPGRdFj2SaFF4
- “Résorber la malédiction des ressources naturelles en RDC, quelques propositions.” actualite.cd
https://actualite.cd/2019/07/29/resorber-la-malediction-des-ressources-naturelles-en-rdc-quelques-propositions-tribune?fbclid=IwAR226903C4XYIyVLQweQMcTgLGSHuFfLwuZEdbQDZwD6_OBGre276LwEls

Trainings

- “Qualitative Comparative Analysis Using R.” Instructor: Eva Thomann. International Public Policy Association (IPPA) Winter School. January 6-10, 2020. Aussois, France.
- “Research Design in Public Policy.” Instructor: Nicolaos Zahariadis. International Public Policy Association (IPPA) Winter School. January 7-11, 2019. Grenoble, France.