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Additional Information

Software: Ms Office, Microsoft SQL, Stata, EVIEWS, R, Python (Beginner), LaTeX (LyX, Overleaf)

Language: English (Excellent), Yoruba (Intermediate), siSwati (Fair), French (Poor)

Education

PhD in Economics, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa, 2015

M.A. Economics, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Illinois, USA, 2011

M.A. Economics, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, 2007

B.A Economics & Statistics, University of Swaziland, Swaziland, 2005

Academic Positions

Senior Lecturer, School of Economics.

University of Cape Town, Jan 2024- till date

Responsibilities

- Lecturing of Postgraduate & undergraduate courses including: Macroeconomics, Governance & Growth, Development Economics
- Set and facilitate examinations and other continuous assessments for modules
- Grade tutorials, tests, and exams
- Supervise postgraduate research (Honours, Masters, PhD)
- Other departmental administrative/committee needs

Research Associate, Policy Research in International Services and Manufacturing (PRISM)

University of Cape Town, Jan 2024- till date

Responsibilities

- Engage with PRISM and affiliates on research activities
- Oversee the PRISM working paper series
- Oversee PRISM newsletter
- Additional administrative duties as pertaining to the research unit

Junior Research Fellow, Policy Research in International Services and Manufacturing (PRISM)

University of Cape Town, May 2021- till date

Responsibilities

- Carry out research, and publish in peer-review journals
- Oversee the PRISM working paper series
- Supervise postgraduate students research thesis
- Additional administrative duties as pertaining to the research unit

Facilitator, WITS School of Governance, University of Witwatersrand, Aug 2022- till date

Responsibilities

- Prepare, administer, and facilitate modules
- Champion courses
- Assessment of students
- Continuous engagement with administrators and participants for module improvements

Lecturer (part-time), University of Cape Town, 2012- 2013, 2021, 2022

Responsibilities

- Lecturing of Postgraduate & undergraduate courses including: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, International Trade, Governance & Growth
- Set and facilitate examinations and other continuous assessments for modules
- Grade tutorials, tests, and exams

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Cape Town, 2018 - 2021

Responsibilities

- Carry out research, and publish in peer-review journals
- Present research findings at local and international academic conferences
- Supervise postgraduate students research thesis

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of South Africa, 2016- 2018

Responsibilities

- Carry out research, and publish in peer-review journals
- Present research findings at local and international academic conferences
- Supervise postgraduate students research thesis

Research Fellow, Public and Environmental Economics Research Centre, 2017

Responsibilities

- Contribute to thematic research outputs within the centre.
- Contribute to both funding and training opportunities for the centre

Lecturer (part-time), University of the Western Cape, 2014

Responsibilities

- Lecturing of undergraduate courses including: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, & International Trade
- Coordinate tasks and responsibilities among all involved in the delivery of courses
- Set and facilitate examinations and other continuous assessments for courses
- Grade

Teaching Assistant- Department of Economics, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Illinois, 2008-2010

- Conduct tutorial classes/sessions for courses, including: Development Economics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Introduction to Economics

Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University – City Talented Youth (CTY) Program.
Baltimore, USA, June 2009- July 2010

Responsibilities

- Conducted daily tutorial sessions in a fast-paced summer program for talented kids.
- Courses include: Game Theory & Microeconomics

Non-Academic Positions

- **Senior Consultant** – African Development Bank (AfDB), African Economic Outlook (AEO) 2025 Team. Africa, 2024–2025
 - Supported preparation of the 2025 AEO.
 - Contributed to drafting Chapter 3, “Harnessing Africa’s Capital for Development: The Role of Institutions, Economic Governance and Rule of Law.”
- **Expert Consultant** – National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI). South Africa, 2023–2024
 - Developed the 2024 South African Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Indicators Report.
 - Conducted rigorous research that on R&D investment and expenditure by firms, which informed the eventual scores.
- **Consultant**- African Development Bank (**AfDB**), The Macroeconomic Policy, Forecasting and Research (ECMR) Department. Dec 2020 – March 2021
 - Write research papers on macroeconomic uncertainty and labour market policies in Africa under the guidance of the Manager and Task Managers.
 - Contribute to empirical and theoretical macroeconomic modelling and forecasting.
 - Contribute to the preparation of knowledge products, especially the next AEO report.
 - Draft policy briefs & perform any other task assigned by the task manager
- **Research Consulting** - Thabo Mbeki Leadership Institute (TMLI); An Assessment of Sector & Product Specific Illicit Financial Flows. Pretoria, South Africa, 2017

Research Achievement

Google Scholar H-index: 8

Research Interests/Areas

- Macroeconomics
 - Institutional Economics
 - Natural Resource and Energy Economics
 - Microeconometrics for Macroeconomics
- Spatial & Regional Economics
- Structural Change

Graduate Supervision

- Masters: 1 ongoing
- PhD: 1 **graduated**, 1 ongoing

Accredited/Peer Reviewed Journal Articles & Book Chapters

1. Edwards, L., **Fadiran, D.O.**, Kamutando, G., Stern, M. "Quantifying tariff revenue losses from the African Continental Free Trade Area"– Journal of African Trade (2024)
2. **Fadiran, D.** Amusa, H, Gnimassoun, B. "Gendered dimensions of migration in South Africa: Governance and implications for livelihoods" Migration in South Africa: Conflicts and Identities – Rakabe & Nshimbi. MISTRA Publication. (2024)
3. Lakha, B., Oyenubi, A., **Fadiran, D.**, Naik, N. "Governance and the Relationship between Corruption and FDI in Africa: A Threshold regression analysis"– International Review of Applied Economic. (2024)
4. Amusa, H., **Fadiran, D.** "The Efficiency of Public Expenditures on Basic Services: The Sase of South African Municipalities"– South African Journal of Economics. (2024)
5. **Fadiran, D.O.** "Institutions, Natural Resources and Capital Flight – The Nigerian Case" Forthcoming – Journal of African Transformation
6. **Fadiran, D.O.** "De Jure Institutions and Foreign Direct Investment – The Nigerian Case" Journal of African Business. 20(0). 2019.
7. Amusa, H., **Fadiran, D.** "The J-Curve Hypothesis: Evidence from Commodity Trade Between South Africa and the United States" Studies in Economics and Econometrics. 43(1). 2019.
8. Fadiran, G.O., Adebuseyi, **A., Fadiran, D.O.** "Natural Gas Consumption and Economic Growth: Evidence from Selected Natural Gas Vehicle Markets in Europe" Energy. 169. 2019.
9. Gumede, V.O., & **Fadiran, D.** "Illicit Financial Flows in Southern Africa: Exploring Implications for Socio-economic Development" Africa Development. 43(4). 2018.
10. **Fadiran, D.O.**, & Akanbi, O.A. "Institutional Determinants of Debt Accumulation: A Nigerian Case Study" International Journal of the Sustainable Economy. 10(1). 2018.
11. **Fadiran, D.O.**, & Sarr, M. "Measurement and Evolution of Institutions in Nigeria" Journal of Development Perspectives. 2017.
12. **Fadiran, D.O.**, & Sarr, Mare "Path Dependence and Interdependence in Institutions: The Nigerian Case," Peripheral Visions: Capturing the Dynamics of Economic Development, Chapter 17, Routledge Press. (Book Chapter). 2015.

Working Paper/ Under Review/Ongoing Research

1. Fadiran, D & Amusa H. "Institutions and Bilateral trade in ECOWAS: Product level dynamics"
2. Fadiran, D, Sakutukwa, T. "Governance and Spatial/Regional Dynamics of Inflation"
3. Woldemichael, A., Amusa, H., Fadiran, D. "Do wage subsidies increase youth employment? Firm-level evidence from South Africa"
4. Fadiran, D.O., Poole, T.K., Maswime, G. "Neighbour effects: Governance and Unemployment in South Africa."
5. Fadiran, D.O., Oyenubi, A. "Institutions and Intra-sub-regional Trade: the ECOWAS Case"
6. Fadiran, D., Kamutando, G., Edwards, L. "Persistence in Employability and Wages of Youth Post-wage Subsidies: Matched Firm-employee Level Evidence from South Africa"
7. Amusa, H., Fadiran, D. "The Spatial Nature of Government Efficiency & Regime Change: The Case of South African Municipalities."
8. Amusa, H., Wabiri, N., Fadiran, D. "Agglomeration and Productivity in South Africa: Evidence from Firm-Level Data" Wider Working Paper, 2019/93. November 2019.
9. Marcellin, M., Brink, D., Fadiran, D.O., Amusa, H.A. "Subsidized Labour and Firms - Investment, Profitability, and Leverage" Wider Working Paper, 2019/50. July 2019.
10. Fadiran, D.O., & Akanbi, O.A. "Institutions and Other Determinants of Total Factor Productivity in sub-Saharan Africa" Economic Research South Africa, Working Paper Series. September 2017.

Selected Conference, seminar and invited presentations

1. **Fadiran, D.O.** "Institutions and Intra-regional Trade in Africa: the ECOWAS case" - Singapore Economic Review Conference (SERC), Singapore, August 2019.
2. **Fadiran, D.O.** "Estimating and assessing the impact of IFF in the diamond and platinum mining sectors (Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe) " - Regional Conference on "Corruption and the Challenge of Economic Transformation in Southern Africa (UNECA & AU), Gaborone, Botswana, June 2018.
3. **Fadiran, D.O.** "Institutions, Natural Resources and Capital Flight - The Nigerian Case" - 15th African Finance Journal Conference, Nairobi, Kenya, April 2018.
4. **Fadiran., D.O., & Akanbi., O.A.** "Institutions and Other Determinants of Total Factor Productivity in sub-Saharan Africa" African Union, Fifth Congress of African Economist, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, Nov 2017.
5. **Fadiran., D.O.** "Resource Curse or Institutions Curse?" - Annual World Bank Land and Poverty Conference, Washington, D.C., USA, March 23-27, 2015.
6. **Fadiran., D.O., & Sarr, Mare,** "Path Dependence and Interdependence in Institutions: The Nigerian Case" - ESHET Conference on "Path Dependence in Economic Development", Medellin, Colombia, November 20-22, 2013.

Grants & Funding

- Governance and Regional/Spatial Dynamics of Inflation (ERSA) – R150 000, 2024
- Spatial inequality, subjective well-being, and governance (AFD), €15000, 2023
- Structural transformation and economic growth (STEG), SRG, £17600, 2022
- United Nations University (UNU-WIDER), SARS-NT Panel Research call, \$20 000. 2018

Leadership Experience

Policy Research in International Services and Manufacturing (PRISM) 2021 - Present

- Principal Investigator (Research Project with STEG)

University of Cape Town (UCT) 2012 - Present

- Mentored a number of postgraduate students in the process of navigating their postgraduate journey.
- Worked with a team of lecturers, departmental admin, and tutors, to ensure the success of course modules.
- Supervision of postgraduate students, and organizing of regular meetings, and interaction to ensure successful completion.

Sunnyside Basketball Club 2020 - Present

- Oversee the building and development of the NPO from ground up
- Organize basketball linked community development programs for youth across Pretoria, South Africa.
- Seek and apply for funding opportunities to support the NPO and its activities

University of Western Cape (UWC) 2014

- Course conveyor duties
- Coordinating of all tasks and responsibilities for involved in the course
- Running of several classrooms and all the leadership and administrative it entailed. Such as material preparation, continuously assessing the state of the students, with regards to course understanding.
- keeping department management abreast of all development in the classroom.

Technical Skills

Data Analytics- Stata (Advanced), Eviews (Advanced), Microfit (Intermediate), Microsoft SQL (Beginner), Python (Beginner)

Front-end/OS- Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook) (Advanced), Windows (Advanced), Linux (Intermediate), LaTeX (Advanced), Power BI (Beginner)

Academic Distinctions/Fellowships/Awards

- Carnegie Fellow, University of Cape Town. 2011-2015. 2011
- World Bank Young Researchers Conference Sponsorship Grant. 2013
- Capricorn African Economics Award & Deans Price, Economics, University of Swaziland. 2005

Internal & External Examiner

PhD Thesis: University of South Africa

Masters Theses: University of Johannesburg

Masters Theses: University of Witswatersrand

Referee Activities

- Scientific African, Economic Research Southern Africa, Journal of Development Perspectives, Journal of Developing Areas, New Zealand Economic Papers
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