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## Additional Information

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

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

## Education

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**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

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**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

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- **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 (TMALI); An Assessment of Sector & Product Specific Illicit Financial Flows. Pretoria, South Africa, 2017

## Research Achievement

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Google Scholar H-index: 8

## Research Interests/Areas

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

## Graduate Supervision

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

## Accredited/Peer Reviewed Journal Articles & Book Chapters

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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., Adebisiyi, 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, M. "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

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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., Pooe, 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

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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

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- 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

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| <b>Policy Research in International Services and Manufacturing (PRISM)</b>   | 2021 - Present |
| • Principal Investigator (Research Project with STEG)  |                |
| <b>University of Cape Town (UCT)</b>   | 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.   |                |
| <b>Sunnyside Basketball Club</b>   | 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   |                |
| <b>University of Western Cape (UWC)</b>  | 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**

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**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**

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- 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**

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PhD Thesis: University of South Africa

Masters Theses: University of Johannesburg

Masters Theses: University of Witswatersrand

## **Referee Activities**

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

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