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Highest Academic Qualification

PhD, Islamic Studies, Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS), University of Bayreuth, Germany. Title of thesis: *Competing and Conflicting Power Dynamics in Waqfs in Kenya*, 1900-2010. Available at: <u>https://epub.uni-bayreuth.de/3373/1/Doctoral%20Thesis_Chembea.pdf</u>.

Academic Qualifications and Professional Record

11/2018 to Date	Lecturer of Religion, Bomet University College, Bomet, Kenya.
09/2019 - 11/2019	Visiting Research Fellow, African Studies Center (ASC), Leiden, University of the Netherlands.
08/2017 - 10/2017	Deputy Principal, Mwananyamala Secondary School, Kwale, Kenya.
11/2017 - 07/2018	Principal Graduate Teacher II, Teachers' Service Commission (TSC), Ukunda Secondary School, Kwale, Kenya.
04/ 2014- 09/2017	PhD, Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS), University of Bayreuth, Germany.
09/2013 - 03/2014	German Language, Goethe Institute, Nairobi Kenya and Manhaeim, Germany.
10/2012 - 08/2013	Associate Lecturer of Religion, Moi University, Mombasa Campus.
09/2008- 09/2012	M.A. (Religion), Moi University, Kenya. Title of thesis: The Impact of Islam on the Belief in Spirits among the Adigo of Kenya.

07/2013	Participant, International Summer School on (Re-)Configurations of Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa, Free University Berlin, Germany.
07/2010	Participant, Summer Academy on <i>Religion and Order in Africa</i> , Bayreuth University, Germany.
01/2007 - 08/2013	Tutor, Islamic Religious Education, Kagumo Teachers' Training College, Kenya.
06/2004 - 12/2006	Graduate Teacher of Islamic Religious Education, Teachers' Service Commission (TSC), Kinondo Secondary School, Kenya.
09/2001- 04/2004	Bachelor of Education, (B/Ed Arts), Moi University, Kenya.

Publications

Monograph

Chembea, S. (2018). *Competing and Conflicting Power Dynamics in Waqfs in Kenya, 1900-2010*. Bayreuth: Bayreuth Studies online 6, University of Bayreuth Library. Available at <u>https://epub.uni-bayreuth.de/id/eprint/3705</u>.

Book Chapters

Chembea, S. (2010). Uamilifu wa Ziada wa Tungo za Jadi Kitaaluma: Insha za Wanafunzi wa Somo la Ushairi wa Jadi, Chuo Kikuu cha Moi. In N. Shitemi (Ed.), *Ushairi wa Kiswahili kabla ya Karne ya Ishirini*. pp. 193-199. Eldoret: Moi University Press.

Chembea, S. and Kimotho, J. (2010). Muyaka Aliutoa Ushairi Msikitini na Kuupeleka Sokoni. In N. Shitemi (Ed.), *Ushairi wa Kiswahili kabla ya Karne ya Ishirini*, pp. 227-236. Eldoret: Moi University Press.

Publication with Peer Review Process

Chembea, S. (2017). Negotiating Muslim-Christian Relations in Kenya through *Waqfs*, 1900-2010. *Journal of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, 28(4), 431-451. DOI: 10.1080/09596410.2017.1357958. Available at: http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/WR8uQwDHKFnJwnqDS3tF/full.

Chembea, S. (2017). *Waqfs* and the Dynamics of Muslim Charity in Secular Milieus, Kenya 1900-2010. *Alternation Journal*, Special Edition 19, 88-114. DOI: https://doi.org/10.29086/2519-5476/2017/spl19a4.

Chembea, S. (2017). Ambiguities between Islamic Charity and Financing 'Terror': The Dilemma of Muslim Civil Society in Kenya. Elixir Social Studies, 104, 45858-45862. Available at: <u>http://www.elixirpublishers.com/articles/1489668302_ELIXIR2017015550.pdf</u>.

Work in Progress

Chembea, S. "Awqaf Revisited: Institutionalized Marginalization and Exclusion in Muslim Social Welfare Practices in Kenya". *Journal of Islamic Studies*. (coming soon).

Chembea, S. "Between Charity and Financing 'Terror': The Dilemma of Muslim Charitable Organizations in Kenya". In *Muslim FBOs in Africa*, ed. H. Weiss. Palgrave. (coming soon).

Chembea, S. "Driving the Islamophobic Agenda: Media Representation of Violence and the 'War against Terror' since 2000s". ed. L. Masseno and C. Ojiambo. (coming soon).

"Migration, Ethnoreligiosity and Gendered Politics of Integration in Secularizing Europe During the Age of Violent Extremism". (Postdoc, conceptual stage).

"Unveiling *Waqfs*: Muslim Socio-Economic Welfare Politics in Kenya since 1900". (Book). Manuscript to be submitted December 2019.

Conferences/Seminar Papers

"Migration, Ethnoreligiosity and Gendered Politics of Integration in Secularizing Europe During the Age of Violent Extremism ". African Studies Center (ASC), University of Leiden, Netherlands, November 2019.

"Interpreting Muslim-Christian Relations in the Light of *Awqaf* in Kenya since 1900". ISITA, Program of African Studies' Weekly Lunch and Lecture series, Northwestern University, Evanston Illinois, USA, May 2019.

"Between Charity and Financing 'Terror': The Dilemma of Muslim Charitable Organizations in Kenya". Workshop on *Muslim Faith-Based Organizations and Provision of Social Welfare in Contemporary Africa*, Institute of African Studies (IAS), University of Bayreuth, Germany, November 2017.

"Driving the Islamophobic Agenda: Media Representation of Violence and the 'War against Terror' since 2000s". Seminar on *Mediation of Religious Narratives, Representation and Performed Texts,* University of Bayreuth, Germany, June 2017.

"Marginalization Narratives in *Waqfs*: Examples from Kenya." 59th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA) Conference on '*Imagining Africa at the Centre: Bridging Scholarship, Policy, and Representation in African Studies*', Washington, DC, USA, December 2016.

"Dynamics of Islamic Charity: Examples from *Waqfs* in Kenya, 1900-2010". Workshop on *'Religious Engineering: Alternative Practices in the Context of Global Development?*", University of Bayreuth, September 2016.

"Negotiating Muslim-Christian Relations in Kenya through *Waqfs*." Summer School on "*Christians and Muslims in Africa: Towards a Framework for the Study of Multi-Religious Settings*", Free University, Berlin, July 2016.

"Waqf Endowments in Kenya: Opportunities and Challenges from 1960-2010". Summer School on <u>"(Re-) Configurations of Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Summer School on</u> <u>Islamic Practices, Imaginations, Groups, and Actors in the African Context"</u>, Free University, Berlin, August 2013. "The Impact of Islam on the Belief in Spirits among the Adigo of Kenya". Summer School on '*Religion and Order in Africa*', Bayreuth University, June 2010.

Fellowship/Funding Received

African Studies Centre (ASC) Leiden, Visiting Fellowship, September-November, 2019.

Kenya - German Post-Graduate Training Scholarship, Program No. 50085235, University of Bayreuth, Germany, 2014-2017.

Summer School fellow, "<u>(Re-)configurations of Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Summer</u> <u>School on Islamic Practices, Imaginations, Groups, and Actors in the African Context"</u>, Free University Berlin & BIGSAS Bayreuth, Germany, August 2013.

German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD), Summer School Fellow, '*Religion and Order in Africa*'- University of Bayreuth, Germany. July 2010.

Government of Kenya Post-Graduate Scholarship (HELB), Moi University, 2008/9-2012.

Administrative Service

Chair, Department of Arts, Languages and Communication Studies, Bomet University College, since July 2019.

Deputy Principal, Mwananyamala Secondary School, Kenya, 2018.

Member, Islamic Religious Education Subject Committee, Examination Item Writing, Diploma in Education Examinations, Islamic Religious Education, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD), Kenya, 2011.

Member, Islamic Religious Education Subject Committee, Review of Diploma in Teacher Education Curriculum, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD), Kenya, 2010.

Patron, Muslim Students' Association, Kagumo Teachers' Training College, Kenya, 2010-2013.

Head of Department, Islamic Religious Education, Kagumo Teachers' Training College, Kenya, 2010 - 2013.

Community Service

Since 2020, Member, Parents-Teachers Association, Cheborge Boys High School, Litein.

Consultant/Data Analyst, Kenya Muslim Youth Alliance (KMYA). Project: *Reducing Vulnerabilities to Women, Youths and Girls in Kenya's South coast,* 2018-2019.

Board Member, Kwale Water and Sewerage Company (KEWASCO) Ltd, Kwale County, 2018.

Committee of Experts/Consultant, Kwale County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), 2018.

Professional Membership

African Studies Association (ASA), Member since 2017.

Islam in Africa Study Group, Member since 2017.

Courses Taught at University

REL 421	Interreligious Dialogue
BAS 301E	Religion and Science in Africa
REL 321	Religions in Kenya
REL 324E	African Traditional Worldview
IRE 322	Modern Trends in Islam
IRE 312	Devotional Acts
REL 212	History of Islamic Culture & Civilization
REL 221	History of Religions II
IRE 221	Islam in Kenya
IRE 212	Qur'an
IRE 222	Hadith
REL 110	African Traditional Worldview
BAS 103	Introduction to Religion & Philosophy.
REL 120	Introduction to Scriptures

IRE 122 Introduction to Islam II