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EDUCATION

- Apr 2020 - **PhD Philosophy**
École Normale Supérieure (PSL)
Supervisor: Prof. J. Peter Burgess
Dissertation: *Algorithmic Alienation: On Digital Colonialism, Fanon, and Ghana*
- 2019 **MSc Security Risk Management** (GPA: 11,4/12)
University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science
Thesis: *The myth, the magic, the uncontrollable: An Adornian (re)reading of resilience*
- 2017 **BSc International Business** (with distinction)
Maastricht University, School of Business and Economics
Thesis: *Political risk's impact on business strategies*
- 2017 **Semester abroad**
Simon Fraser University, Beedie School of Business

RESEARCH VISITS

- Aug 2022 African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, University of Johannesburg (hosted by Prof. Veli Mitova)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Kadiri, A.P.L.** & Frimpong Boamah, E. (2025). Contextual integrity in Africa's plural-legal contexts: Fintech, privacy, and informational norms in Ghana. *Big Data & Society*, 12(2). <https://doi.org/10.1177/20539517251351330>
- Kadiri, A.P.L. (2021). Data and Afrofuturism: An emancipated subject? *Internet Policy Review*, 10(4). <https://doi.org/10.14763/2021.4.1597>

Book Reviews

- Kadiri, A.P.L. (2025). Review of Sadowski's *The Mechanic and the Luddite: A Ruthless Criticism of Technology and Capitalism*. *Surveillance & Society*, 23(2), 268-270. <https://doi.org/10.24908/ss.v23i2.19403>

Under Review

Kadiri, A.P.L. (under review). An article on planetary modeling and earth system science.

Kadiri, A.P.L. & Theilen, J. (under review with the editors). Feminist Data Protection. In F. Bieker & G. González Fuster (Eds.), *Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Privacy and Data Protection Law*. Edward Elgar Publishing. [Invited contribution]

Kadiri, A.P.L. (under review with the editors). Data, Privacy, and Race. In F. Bieker & G. González Fuster (Eds.), *Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Privacy and Data Protection Law*. Edward Elgar Publishing. [Invited contribution]

Other publications (selected)

Kadiri, A.P.L. (May 12, 2025). Mühevoller Gleichmut [opinion piece]. *Die Tageszeitung (taz)*. <https://taz.de/Krieg-im-Gazastreifen/!6084363/>

Filusch, K. (Host). (April 7, 2022). Folge II000*: Datenkolonialismus mit Aisha Kadiri [audio podcast episode]. In *DaSou - Im Einsatz für Deine Datensouveränität*. <https://dasou.law/folge-ii000-datenkolonialismus-mit-aisha-kadiri/>

Kadiri, A.P.L. (April 2, 2022). African-Centric Data Protection, Part 2 [blog post]. *Resilient Digital Africa*. https://resilient.digital-africa.co/en/blog/tech_voices/digital-security-african-centric-data-protection-part-2/

Kadiri, A.P.L. (March 14, 2022). African-Centric Data Protection, Part 1 [blog post]. *Resilient Digital Africa*. https://resilient.digital-africa.co/en/blog/tech_voices/digital-security-african-centric-data-protection-part-1/

Kadiri, A.P.L. (December 18, 2021). Alter und neuer Kolonialismus: Den Selbstbegriff hinterfragen [opinion piece]. *Die Tageszeitung (taz)*. <https://taz.de/Den-Selbstbegriff-hinterfragen/!5818114/>

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

External

2022 Fellow, Transatlantic Digital Debates, organized by the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) and the New America Foundation, funded by the German government

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Invited talks

2025 “Algorithmic alienation in digital colonialism”, “Equity & AI” lecture series, Bauhaus-Universität Weimar (Weimar) [January 13]

2022 “African data subjects in digital/data colonialism,” Department of Philosophy, University of Johannesburg (Johannesburg) [September 28]

Refereed Conference Presentations

2024 “Fanon in Ghana: Alienation, financial capitalism, and African socialism,” Historical Materialism Conference (London) [November 10]

2022 “The Commonwealth’s peripheries,” Millennium conference “From Empires to Nation States?: Enduring Legacies and Historical Disjunctures,” London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) (London) [October 31]

- 2022 “The (im)possibilities of digital sovereignty in digital colonialism,” Practicing Digital Sovereignty Conference, Weizenbaum Institute (Berlin) [June 9]

Conference Panels and Roundtables

- 2023 Panelist. “Subjects and Structures: Re-Imagining Data Protection as a Critique of Power,” Computers, Privacy & Data Protection Conference (Brussels) [May 26]
- 2023 Panelist. “The (im)possibilities of digital sovereignty in digital colonialism,” European Union in International Affairs Conference (Brussels) [May 3]
- 2022 Panelist. “The autopoietic data subject,” 9th biennial Surveillance & Society Conference, Erasmus University Rotterdam (Rotterdam) [June 1]

Academic Seminars, Workshops, and Colloquia

- 2025 Presentation. “Counter-modelling the Plantationocene,” Spring School on “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Climate and Biodiversity Crises: Representations, narratives and imaginaries of crisis and the socio-ecological,” Centre Marc Bloch, École Normale Supérieure, National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (INRAE), and Laboratory of Social Anthropology (EHESS/CNRS/ Collège de France) (Paris) [8 April]
- 2025 Presentation. “Frantz Fanon and Digital Colonialism,” Association Africana, École Normale Supérieure (Paris) [March 26]
- 2024 Presentation. “Counter-modelling the Plantationocene,” workshop “Historical Epistemologies of Planetary Modelling II - Toward a Political Ecology of Earth Systems Science,” KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Stockholm) [September 24]
- 2024 Presentation. “Life and death in the concept of ‘social death,’” doctoral seminar “La vie et la mort dans la philosophie contemporaine” organized by Frédéric Worms, École Normale Supérieure (Paris) [May 15]
- 2023 Presentation. “The colonial data subject in modelling the Earth,” workshop “Historical epistemologies of planetary modelling,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (Berlin) [June 9]
- 2022 Presentation. “The Social-Situatedness of Digital Objects,” African Centre for Epistemology and the Philosophy of Science (ACEPS), University of Johannesburg (Johannesburg) [September 23]
- 2022 Discussant. Book symposium of Prof. Karen Frost-Arnold’s book “Who should be online? A Social Epistemology for the Internet,” University of Johannesburg (online) [August 12]
- 2022 Participant. Expert workshop on “Digital Sovereignty and Sustainability,” Weizenbaum Institute and Berlin University of the Arts (Universität der Künste) (online) [July 8]
- 2022 “The GAFAM’s autopoiesis: digital colonialism and the creation of African subjectivities,” Centre Cavallès, République des Savoirs, École Normale Supérieure (Paris) [May 17]
- 2021 Presentation. “Radically digital: Charles Mills’ emancipatory liberalism,” doctoral seminar “Sociologies of non-Western Political Thought,” DoingIPS (International Political Sociology), Queen Mary University London & King’s College London, Discussant: Prof. Arlene B. Tickner (online) [March 19]

Non-academic (Invited) Talks

- 2024 Panelist. “Beyond ‘Data Colonialism’: Shaping Data Governance through African Realities,” GovTech Data Innovation Lab and United Nations University (UNU-CRIS) (online) [April 25]
- 2023 Panelist. “The Race to Regulate,” 2023 Mozilla Festival (online) [March 24]
- 2022 Presentation. “Global Takes on Content Governance,” Transatlantic Digital Debates, Global Public Policy Institute (Berlin) [November 9]
- 2022 Moderator. “Implications of the African Union Continental Data Policy Framework on AI startups and data flows across the continent,” Africa-Europe AI Policy Dialogue, Africa Law Tech, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) (Paris) [June 14]

Events organized

- 2025 Presentations and roundtables. “Héritages impériaux : La solidarité afro-asiatique de Bandung,” École Normale Supérieure (Paris) [March 10]
- 2024 Bilingual workshop. “Pensée critique de l’espace/Critical Thought on Space,” École Normale Supérieure (Paris) [May 29]
- 2024 Bi-weekly discussion group with external invitees. “À la recherche d’un discours commun palestino-israélien,” École Normale Supérieure [November 2023 - May 2024]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Past Research Projects

- 2023 **Research assistant**, École Normale Supérieure, “Engage: Societal resilience and risk awareness,” funded by the EU Horizon 2020 program - PI: Prof. J. Peter Burgess
- 2022 **Co-lead**, Digital Africa, “Data protection, privacy, and the everyday life of datafied subjects in urban Ghana,” empirical research in Accra and Kumasi (Ghana), funded by Digital Africa - Co-lead: Prof. Emmanuel Frimpong Boamah (University at Buffalo)
- 2019 **Research Assistant**, Nordic Centre of Excellence for Security Technologies and Societal Values (NordSTEVA), University of Copenhagen, funded by the Nordic Research Council - PI: Prof. Karen Lund Petersen (University of Copenhagen)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Institut d’études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris)

Courses Taught

- “Race and Technology,” 23 undergraduates (Fall 2024 & Spring 2025), primary instructor
- “Race and Technology,” 21 undergraduates (Fall 2023 & Spring 2024), primary instructor

Courses Assisted

- “The Idea of Equality in the U.S.: From Thomas Paine to Thomas Piketty,” 95 undergraduates (Spring 2025), teaching assistant for Prof. Sylvie Laurent

Université de Lille

Courses Taught

- “Contemporary U.S. Politics,” 506 undergraduates (Fall 2021), primary instructor

Guest Lectures

- 2023 “Modeling the Plantationocene: On Uncertainty and Risk in Earth System Models.”
Chair Geopolitics of Risk, École Normale Supérieure (Paris) [December 12, 2023]
- 2022 “Data sovereignty and data colonialism,” the lecture was part of the colloquium series
“Beyond Borders: Digital Inequalities and Systemic Change,” Berlin University of the
Arts (Universität der Künste) [December 8]

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Copenhagen

- 2018-2019 Elected student representative for the Study Board, Department of Political Science
- 2018-2019 Board member, Security Risk Management Student Association

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Professional Memberships

The Caribbean Philosophical Association
Surveillance Studies Network
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

Research Affiliations

Chair Geopolitics of Risk (ENS) République des Savoirs (ENS)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2020-2022 Researcher, Digital Africa
- 2018-2019 Junior Consultant, Centre for Security Analysis (CSA)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French (proficient), Hausa (learning)

Programming: R