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## Research Areas of Interests

Poverty and Development  
Financial Inclusion and Development  
Food Security and Nutrition  
Fiscal Policy in Developing Countries  
Household Studies

## Education

Ph.D. in Quantative Economics, University of Kiel, Germany, 2015 – 2019.

Dissertation: *Essays on financial inclusion, Food Security and Nutrition in developing countries*

M.Sc in Political Economics, Advance Economics Analysis, University of Rome La Sapienza, 2013.

Thesis: *Source of Macroeconomic volatility in The Gambian Economy: a Bayesian DSGE approach*

B.Sc. Economics and Finance, University of The Gambia, 2010.

## Work Experience

Research Support Manager, University of The Gambia Research and Consultancy Directorate (from January 2021 – present )

Lecturer in Economics, University of The Gambia. (from 2019 – present)

Short-term Consultant of the World Bank Group. (2018 – 2019)

Teaching Assistant in Development Economics, University of Kiel. (2017 – 2018)

Lecturer in Economics, University of The Gambia. (2013 – 2014)

Graduate Assistant in Economics, University of The Gambia. (2010 – 2011)

Instructor in Banking and Finance and Monetary Economics (Management Development Institute) (2010-2011)

## Fellowship

European Investment Bank (EIB) and Global Development Network (GDN) fellow in Applied Development Finance 2019.

## Academic Research

Jawara, H., Thiele, R. *The Nutrient-Income Elasticity in Ultra-Poor Households: Evidence from Kenya.* *Eur J Dev Res* (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41287-020-00319-3>

Jawara H. *Access to savings and household welfare evidence from a household survey in The Gambia.* *Afr Dev Rev.* 2020;32:138-149. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8268.12423>

Kane, G.Q., Jawara, H. *Provision of Quality and Affordable Maternal Health Care in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Nest in Senegal* (EIB-GDN Program Cycle 2, 67-134) <https://www.eib.org/en/publications/the-impact-of-private-sector-projects-in-africa-cycle-2>

Cruces, Guillermo and Hamidou, Jawara and Touray, Adama and Singhateh, Fatoumata, *Information, Price, and Barriers to Adoption and Usage of Mobile Money Evidence from a Field Experiment in the Gambia (March 13, 2020).* (Partnership for Economic Policy Working Paper No. 2020-17, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3673541orhttp://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3673541>)

Jawara, Hamidou (2019): *Essays on Financial Inclusion, Food Security and Nutrition in Developing Countries.* Online unter: <https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:gbv:8-diss-248658>

*Non-cognitive Traits and Micro-lending: Evidence from group lending in Gambia.* (Working Paper)

*Sources of macroeconomic volatility in Gambia's economy*

*Impact of fiscal policy on household welfare: Evidence from a CEQ analysis in Gambia.*(With Moritz Meyer (World Bank) and Haydeeliz Carrasco Nunez (World Bank).

*Social network and Micro-lending: Evidence from group lending in Gambia.* (work-in- progress)

## Research Grants

DigiFI Africa Proposal development Grant winner 2020: Award to develop a proposal on using mobile money to catalyze tax collection in The Gambia.

Principal investigator in a research project on the topic *Can subsidize withdrawal fees catalyze mobile money usage? Field experimental evidence from Gambia.* Project is funded by Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) under their PAGE II second round initiative. The project started in September 2018 and will end in August 2019.

Principal investigator in a research project on the topic *Assessing the Impact of a private Maternal Care Provider in Senegal*. Project is funded by the European Investment Bank (EIB) under the EIB-GDN fellowship program. The project started in January 2019 and ended in January 2020.

## Other Grants

## Consultancy Projects

Lead Researcher on the Data Collection of Gambia Participate COVID-19 Food Aid in The Gambia Research Project (March 2021)

Field Coordinator for C4ED for an Impact Evaluation of GiZ funded Tekki Fii programme in the Gambia. (January 2021)

International Organization of Migration (IOM) Banjul Office: Lead consultant on the study of the Impact of COVID-19 on Gambian Youth Perception on Irregular Migration. (October 2020 to January 2021)

International Trade Center Banjul Office: ICT Needs Assessment of Selected TVET Institutions in The Gambia. (August to October 2020).

Ministry of Trade Regional Integration and Employment: Assessment of ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Skill (ETLS) implementation in The Gambia (2020).

UNDP Accelerator Lab Gambia: Analysis of Survey Data on Smart city project for the Banjul City Council. (May 2020)

International Republic Institute (IRI): Selected to deliver a lecture on taxation and public finance management during a forum organised by the IRI for the Gambia constitutional review process (2019).

Baseline survey on the availability of agricultural land to women in Niamina East, West, and Dankunku of the Gambia (ActionAid The Gambia 2014).

**Short-term consultancies for the World Bank:** I have consulted on the following projects:

1. Fiscal incidence analysis/CEQ for Gambia (2018 to 2020). Analysis of the impact of fiscal policy on household welfare in The Gambia
2. Payment System Provider (PSP) Assessment for the Gambia Nafa program, a cash transfer program World Bank has piloted for Gambia (2018-2019).
3. World Bank Public Expenditure Review for Gambia (2019).
4. Preparation of a paper on digitalization and revenue generation in developing countries for the World Bank (Jan. 2020).

## Conference or Seminar Participation

Participant in the STATA Virtual Conference 2020

Organizer and presenter in the National Policy Conference on Digital Financial Services and Financial Inclusion in The Gambia, 19th February 2020.

Participant in the Global Development Network Conference, 23-25th October 2019, Bonn Germany.

Seminar presentation at the CEDLAS and UNLP of Argentina, 19th July, 2019.

Participation in the DAAD Alumni conference on Young African Scholars, March 1st - 3rd 2019, Nairobi, Kenya.

Paper presentation at the *International conference on Applied Economics 2017*, July 6th-8th 2017, University of Coventry, UK.

Participant in *PEP Annual General meeting 2018*, June 7th-13th, Bangalore, India.

Presentation in the *European Economic Association congress 2018*, August 27th-31st, Cologne, Germany.

## Workshop and Short Training

Policy Impact Analysis (online course) organised by Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) in partnership with the University of Laval, Canada, January – April 2018.

Microeconomic Policy and Treatment Evaluation Methods by Prof. Sourafel Girma, Kiel Institute of the World Economy, October 2017.

Field Experiments by Prof. John List, Kiel Institute of the World Economy, September 2017.

Experimentics, University of Hamburg, July 16th – 17th 2016.

Trade Empirics and Trade Policy, UNCTAD online course, July 12th – 15th August 2014

Survey Methodology and Survey Data Analysis, Africa Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Feb. 5th – Feb. 15th 2015.

Trade and Poverty, UNCTAD online course, Feb. 7th – Apr. 20th 2014.

Panel Data econometrics, Africa Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Feb. 9th – 20th 2014.

## Language

### International

English (proficiency); German (B2 level); Italian (A2 level)

### Local

Sarahuleh (mother tongue); Mandinka (proficiency); Wolof (proficiency); Fula (good level)

## Skills

### Programming

STATA (advance user); Atlas.ti (medium user); R (moderate user); Eview (medium user); Mathlab (medium user), Python (basic user)

### Other Softwares

Microsoft excel and word (advance user); Latex (moderate user)

### **Methods**

Policy Impact Evaluations; Microeconometrics; Macroeconometrics; DSGE models; Macroeconomic Analysis, Survey Data Analysis.

### **Survey Data Collection Tools**

Survey solutions; Survey Monkey; SurveyCTO.

## Awards

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Graduate Scholarship Program Award 2014.

Erasmus Mundus ACP Masters scholarship Program Award 2011.

University of The Gambia Valendictorian and best Economics student - Graduating class of 2010.

St. Marys College of Maryland USA Peace Scholarship Award winner for spring 2010.

## References

Momodou Mustapha Fanneh, Assoc. Prof. of Economics and Dean of School of Business and Public Administration, University of The Gambia.

Dr. Mohammed Lamin Sanyang, Director of Research and Consultancy, University of The Gambia.

Guillermo Cruces, Professor of Labour Economics, National University of La Plata (Argentina) and University of Nottingham (UK). [gcruces@cedlas.org](mailto:gcruces@cedlas.org)

Ulrich Schmidt, Professor of Economics, Chair of Microeconomics, University of Kiel. [us@economics.uni-kiel.de](mailto:us@economics.uni-kiel.de)

Rainer Thiele, Professor in Development Economics, Kiel Institute of the World Economy. [rainer.thiele@ifw-kiel.de](mailto:rainer.thiele@ifw-kiel.de)

Kai Carstensen, Professor of Econometrics and Director, Institute of Statistics and Econometrics, University of Kiel. [carstensen@stat-econ.uni-kiel.de](mailto:carstensen@stat-econ.uni-kiel.de)