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Research Interests

I am interested in state formation and its resistance in society with a particular interest in how information flow shapes that relationship. This includes especially the politics of information controls and counter-controls in the African region on topics such as censorship as control, circumvention as resistance and how technology facilitates these processes. The policy application of this work is seen in areas like human rights and information security.

Work Experience

Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law May 2014 - Present

Strathmore University *Information Controls Researcher*

Afroes Games January 2013 - April 2014 *Project Researcher*

Africa Policy Institute October 2010 - May 2013 *Research Assistant*

Education

Masters of Arts (M.A) October 2010 - December 2012

Department of Political Science, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Thesis: *The Political Economy of Cyber Security Threats in Kenya (1997 - 2007)*

Bachelor of Arts (B.A) October 2005 - December 2009

Department of Political Science, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Thesis: *Mutating Security Threats from Organized Crime: A Case Study of Mungiki (1997 - 2007)*

Certified Information Communication Technologist June 2006 - December 2007**

KASNEB - Kenya

Language Skills

Advanced: English, Swahili & Gikuyu

Publications

Research Reports

- Kenya: Censorship-Free Internet? Moses Karanja (CIPIT), Maria Xynou (OONI), Arturo Filastò (OONI), 2016. <https://ooni.torproject.org/post/kenya-study/>
- Ethiopia: Evidence of social media blocking and Internet censorship. Maria Xynou, Arturo Filastò, Amnesty International, Moses Karanja, 2016. <https://ooni.torproject.org/post/ethiopia-report/>
- Zambia: Internet censorship during the 2016 general elections? Maria Xynou (OONI), Arturo Filastò (OONI), Moses Karanja (CIPIT), Arthur Gwagwa (CIPIT), Isaac Rutenberg (CIPIT). 2016. <https://ooni.torproject.org/post/zambia-election-monitoring/>
- Ethiopia: Internet Shutdown Amidst Recent Protests? Moses Karanja (CIPIT), Maria Xynou, Arturo Filastò. 2016. <https://ooni.torproject.org/post/ethiopia-internet-shutdown-amidst-recent-protests/>

Conference Presentations

- At Risk in a Safe Space: Online Threats to LGBT Community in Kenya, 2016
- Privacy Across Cultures: An Open House Discussion. *Internet Freedom Festival*, 2016
- Role of Internet Service Provider in Censorship. *Internet Freedom Forum*, 2016
- Continental ICT Legislations and their Impacts on Domestic Ecosystems, *Internet Governance Forum*, 2014
- Assessing Risk to Stability in Pre-Election Kenya. Nairobi: *Africa Policy Institute*, 2013

Book Review

- Readings on Inequality in Kenya. (2011). *Kenyan Affairs*, 1(01), 34-35.

Dissertation

- Mutating Security Threats from Organized Crime: A Case Study of Mungiki (1997 - 2007). (Undergraduate thesis, 2009). University of Nairobi.
- The Political Economy of Cyber Threats as a Human and National Security Concern in Kenya (1997 - 2012). (M.A Dissertation, 2013). University of Nairobi.

Awards & Funding

- Information Controls Fellowship by Open Technology Fund to study information controls in Ethiopia and Kenya. January - June 2015
- Gandhi Smarak Graduate Award by University of Nairobi. October 2010 - December 2012

Conferences and Events

- Bridging the Divide between Marginalized Communities on the Internet. *Internet Governance Forum*, Guadarrajara, Mexico, 2016.
- Access to the Internet and Human Rights, Panelist at the *Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa*, Kampala, Uganda, 2016
- Public Participation in Policy Making in Kenya in the digital age. Module during the *Kenya School of Internet Governance*, Nairobi, Kenya, 2016.
- Status of Cyber security and Child online protection in Kenya. Moderator at the *Kenya Internet Governance Forum*, Nairobi, Kenya, 2016

- Information Controls and Elections in Sub-Sahara Africa: Towards Proactive Network Monitoring. Summer Institute on Monitoring Internet Openness and Rights, Citizen Lab, Toronto, Canada, 2016.
- Reflections on the Integrated Public Safety Communication and Surveillance System in Kenya. Kenya Internet Governance Forum, Nairobi, Kenya, 2015
- Contextualizing Technical Data in African Political Context: Summer Institute on Monitoring Internet Openness and Rights, Citizen Lab, Toronto, Canada, 2015.
- Critical Reflections on Security in Kenya. A Roundtable organized by CHRIPS, Nairobi, Kenya, 2015
- The African Continental Legislation on Cybersecurity: What are we getting ourselves into? Kenya Internet Governance Forum, Nairobi, Kenya, 2014

Media Coverage

Posted

- Security Implications for the ICC prosecution Cases on the Kenyan Presidency. *The East African*,
- Somalia's 'New Deal': Inclusion, Security reforms and The Economy. (2013) *The East African*
- African Union's dilemma in regulating use of continent's expanding cyberspace. *The East African*, 2014
- A Letter from Nairobi: Dlamini Zuma's Footsteps in the Long Walk to Continental Unity. *New School's Letters From the Field*, 2012
- Facebook and Twitter Alone Won't Bring a Revolution to Town. *The Standard*, 2012
- Premier's Deal with Coastal Militia sets a Risky Precedence. *The Standard*, 2012
- Reinventing the Ottoman Empire in Africa? An Analysis of the Resurgent Turkish-African Relations. *Africa Policy Institute*, 2012

Featured

- **From Washington, influencing Ethiopia's politics** by Deutsche Welle, December 2017 regarding social media censorship and Ethiopian politics: <http://dw.com/en/from-washington-influencing-ethiopias-politics/a-36524339>
- **Ethiopia: Internet shutdowns take their toll on economy** by African Business, December 2016 regarding impact of Internet shutdown and censorship in Ethiopia: <http://africanbusinessmagazine.com/region/east-africa/ethiopia-internet-shutdowns-take-toll-economy/>
- **Ethiopia's internet crackdown hurts everyone** by IRIN News, November 2016 regarding nature of Internet shutdowns in Africa: <https://www.irinnews.org/analysis/2016/11/17/ethiopia%E2%80%99s-internet-crackdown-hurts-everyone>
- Interview: Al-Shabaab still threat to regional security despite leader's demise: Experts by Xinhua, September 2014 regarding terrorism in the Horn of Africa: http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-09/11/c_126972784.htm

