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WORK EXPERIENCE

March 2019 – Date, Director of Research at Macroeconomics Research Unit (MRU), School of Accounting, Economics & Finance, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa.

(See <https://mru.ukzn.ac.za/> and <https://mru.ukzn.ac.za/team/>).

Responsibility:

- Engage in postdoctoral research studies on a full-time basis and publish articles in Department of Higher Education and Training accredited journals ranked by Scimago (Quartiles 1 to 4).
- Developed collaboration with various organizations & published articles in high impact journals.
- Lead and develop a research strategy, and evaluate research program effectiveness and impact to deliver outcomes which can be applied for the benefit of industry/ consumers/ customers.
- Engage stakeholders and provide recommendations on appropriate scientific research strategies and pathways, considering ethical implications associated with scientific research practice.
- Lead, develop and recommend research designs and solutions that best meet the organization's objectives and which drive the development of practical initiatives and outcomes that benefit the broader community and economy.
- Establish and maintain productive working relationships and networks with stakeholders, public and private sector funding bodies, State and Commonwealth agencies, fostering research partnerships across organizational programs and projects to capitalize on funding and resource opportunities.
- Develop research and analytical tools and practices that better enable research and education and that target research programs to meet the needs of industry/ community.
- Represent the unit interests in all internal and external communication.
- Facilitate to coordinate all inter- and intra-departmental inquiries on time.
- Ensuring that articles from the unit's members are published in a high impact journals.

Sep 2017 – Feb 2019, Health Economics HIV & AIDS Research Division, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Working on W.H.O project as Research Economist in Capturing Public Health Expenditures in South Africa using Econometrics & Macroeconomics Tools

Responsibility:

- Mapping of BAS into SHA
- Compare and validate data according to SHA 1.0/PG with the revised classifications of SHA 2011
- Data collection
- Data preparation (prepping)
- Data analysis
- Uploading data into the Health Accounts Production Tool (HAPT)
- Training of the country's ambassadors
- Writing of reports
- Data compiler

2013 – Date School of Accounting, Economics & Finance, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Responsibility

Adboc Lecturer

2011 – 2012 School of Economics, University of Limpopo, Polokwane, South Africa

Responsibility

Tutor for Economics modules for first & second year students

EDUCATION

University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa Apr. 2018 (graduated)
(Ph.D in Economics)

University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa Apr. 2014 (graduated)

(MCOM in Economics)

University of Limpopo, Polokwane, South Africa
(B-Com Hons in Economics)

Jun. 2012 (graduated)

University of Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria
(BSc in Economics)

Oct. 2006 (graduated)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- Top 10 published researchers 2017 at UKZN
- Top 10 published researchers 2016 at UKZN (see <http://ndabaonline.ukzn.ac.za/UkzndabaStory/Vol5-Issue52/Economics%20Researcher%20makes%20UKZN%20Top%2010%20Published%20Students%20List>)
- School of Accounting, Economics & Finance MRU 1st Runner up Research & Writing Competition
- University of KwaZulu-Natal best PhD student award (Monetary award covers 3-years PhD duration)
- Second best student at Honours level in the school of Economics, University of Limpopo sponsored by Economics Research Southern Africa (ERSA)
- Certificate of merit from the Association of Owe Civil Servant, as the best graduating student in Kabba Community Secondary School, Kakun, Kabba.
- Certificate of merit from Oluku as best SS 2 (grade 10) student in Kabba Community Secondary School, Kakun, Kabba

PUBLICATIONS

- **Kutu, A.A.**, Ngema, Z.G., & Nzimande, N.P. (2020). Availability of Educational Resources and Student Academic Performances in South Africa. *Universal Journal of Educational Research*, 8(8): 3768-3781.
- Adekunle, C. P., **Kutu, A.A.**, & Alori, D.A., (2020). Effects of Food Price Shocks on Dietary Composition of Farm Households' in Nigeria. *Journal of Agricultural Extension*, 24(3), 22-40.
- Owoye, T., Olanipekun, D. B., Ogunsola, A. J., & **Kutu, A. A.** (2020). Energy Prices, Income and Electricity Consumption in Africa: The Role of Technological Innovation. *International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy*, 10(5), 392-400.
- **Kutu, A. A.**, Adeleke, O., & Ngalawa, H. (2020). Exchange Rate Variations, Global interest rates and Oil Price Shocks in China: An Evidence from Symmetric and Asymmetric models. *Journal of Economics (Accepted)*.
- Alori, A. D., & **Kutu, A. A.** (2019). Export Function of Cocoa Production, Exchange Rate Volatility and Prices in Nigeria. *Journal of Economics and Behavioral Studies*, 11(2 (J)), 1-14.
- Omolade, A., Ngalawa, H., & **Kutu, A.** (2019). Crude Oil Price Shocks and Macroeconomic Performance in Africa'S Oil Producing Countries. *Cogent Economics & Finance*, 7(1), 1607431.
- Nwosa, I. P., Adeleke, O., & **Kutu A.A.** (2019). Exchange Rate Regimes and Industrialization in Nigeria. *African Journal of Business and Economic Research*, 14(2), 91-106.
- **Kutu, A. A.**, & Ngalawa, H. (2017). Monetary Policy and Industrial Output in the BRICS Countries: A Markov-Switching Model. *Folia Oeconomica Stetinensia*, 17(2).
- **Kutu, A. A.**, & Ngalawa, H. (2017). Modelling Exchange Rates Volatility and the Global Shocks in South Africa. *Acta Universitatis Danubius. Oeconomica*, 13(3).
- **Kutu, A. A.**, Nzimande, N. P., & Msomi, S. (2017). Effectiveness of Monetary Policy and the Growth of Industrial Sector in China. *Journal of Economics & Behavioral Studies*, 9(3), 46-59.
- Ngalawa, H., & **Kutu, A. A.** (2017). Modelling exchange rate variations and global shocks in Brazil. *Zbornik radova Ekonomskog fakulteta u Rijeci: časopis za ekonomsku teoriju i praksu*, 35(1), 73-95.
- **Kutu, A. A.**, & Ngalawa, H. (2016). Monetary Policy Shocks and Industrial Sector Performance in South Africa. *Journal of Economics and Behavioral Studies*, 8(3), 26-40.
- **Kutu, A. A.**, Akinola, G. W., & Nzimande, N. P. (2016). Monetary Policy and Output Growth Forecasting in a SVAR Perspective. *International Journal of Economics and Finance*, 8(7), 71.
- **Kutu, A. A.**, & Ngalawa, H. (2016). Monetary Policy Shocks and Industrial Output in BRICS Countries. *SPOUDAI-Journal of Economics and Business*, 66(3), 3-24.
- **Kutu, A. A.**, & Ngalawa, H. (2016). Dynamics of Industrial Production in BRICS countries. *International Journal of Economics and Finance Studies*, Vol 8, No 1, 1-25.
- **Kutu, A. A.**, & Ngalawa, H. (2016). Exchange rate volatility and global shocks in Russia: an application of GARCH and APARCH models. *Investment Management and Financial Innovations*, 4, 26-40.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- Oil Price Shocks and Exchange Rates in Nigeria: Does Institutional Quality Matter? Exchange Rates, *Presentation at Biennial Conference of the Economic Society of South Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa, 3 – 5 Sept. 2019*
- Exchange Rates, Oil Price Collapse and Economic Growth in Nigeria and Sudan. *Presentation at the International Conference on Advance Accounting & Finance (ICAAF- 19) held on 10th July 2019 at Abuja, Nigeria.*
- Exchange Rate Variations, Global Interest Rates & Oil Price Shocks in China: An Evidence from Symetric & Asymmetric Models. *Presentation at 2018 Mbali International Conference held at Premier Hotel Richards Bay, Zulu Land*
- Export Function of Cocoa Production, Exchange Rate Volatility & Prices in Nigeria. *Presentation at 2018 Mbali International Conference held at Premier Hotel Richards Bay, Zulu Land*
- Monetary policy & industrial output in BRICS Countries: A Markov-Switching Model. *Presentation at Academic International Conference on Economics, Accounting & Finance at Cambridge University, UK (18-20 Sept. 2017)*
- Modelling Exchange Rates Volatility and the Global Shocks in South Africa. *Presentation at Biennial Conference of the Economic Society of South Africa, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, 30 Aug. - 1 Sept. 2017*
 - *Monetary policy & industrial output Production in BRICS Countries.* Presentation at IJAS International Conference for Business and Economics at Harvard University, USA (23-27 May 2016)
 - *Monetary Policy and Industrial Output in the BRICS: A DSGE Approach.* *Presentation at Mbali International Conference held at Premier Hotel Richards Bay, KwaZulu Natal (6-9 July 2016)*

LOCAL CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- *Monetary policy & industrial output in BRICS Countries: A Markov-Switching Model.* *Presentation at the Annual College Research Day held at the UKZN (29 September 2017).*
- *Modelling Exchange Rate Variations in Brazil: An Application of GARCH, EGARCH and APARCH Models.* *Presentation at the 2nd Annual School Research Day (29-30 September 2016)*
- *Monetary policy & industrial output in BRICS: A DSGE Approach.* Presentation at the 1st Annual School Research day (29 January 2016)
- *The Dynamics of Industrial Production in BRICS countries.* Paper presented at the 2016 postgraduate Research Seminar (26 January 2016)
- *Monetary Policy Shocks & Industrial Production in BRICS Countries.* Proposal Presentation at the UKZN School of accounting, Economics & Finance 10 September 2015
- *Effectiveness of Monetary Policy and the Growth of Industrial Sector in China.* Paper presentation at the college of law and management studies research day (27-28 august 2015)
- *Dynamics of Industrial Production in BRICS Countries.* Seminar presentation at the UKZN school of Accounting, Economics and Finance, Westville Campus, July 29, 2015
- *Effects of Monetary Policy Shocks on Industrial Output Growth in BRICS Countries.* *Paper presented at UKZN School of Accounting, Economics & Finance Research Day (27-1-2015)*
- *Monetary Policy Shocks & Industrial Sector Performance In South Africa.* *Paper presented at the UP/SARB/ERSA Monetary Economics & Macroeconomic Modeling 4th Annual Workshop (15-16 May, 2014)*
- *Breaking the Walls of industrial sector performance in South Africa.* *Paper presented at the Falling Walls Laboratory Johannesburg Int. Conference (13-14 September, 2013)*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Economic Society of South Africa (ESSA)
- Economic Research Southern Africa (ERSA)
- Nigeria Economic Society (NES)
- Association for Skills Development in South Africa (ASDSA)

HOBIES

Researching, Reading, Travelling, and Making Friends

REFEREES

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