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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**NAME** OLLY OWEN

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### **EXPERTISE**

Anthropologist and former risk analyst working on political economy issues, specialising in state institutions with a regional focus on West Africa. With practical development experience in state-level institutional reform processes, as well as with private sector, civil society organisations, Nigerian federal government bodies, ECOWAS and international donors.

### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2008 – 2012 DPhil candidate in Social Anthropology, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Oxford University: Fieldwork-based doctoral research entitled An Institutional Ethnography of the Nigerian Police supported by four-year ('3+1') grant from the UK's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).
- 2007 – 2008 MSc in Social Anthropology by Research Methods, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Oxford University.
- 2001 – 2002 MSc African Politics, School Of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Dissertation on communal conflict in the Nigerian Middle-Belt.
- 2000 Cambridge University, Selwyn College, 1997-2000: BA Hons (First Class) Archaeology & Anthropology (Social Anthropology).

### **EMPLOYMENT, RESEARCH AND COLLABORATIONS**

- 2018-2019 Lecturer in African Anthropology, Oxford University African Studies Centre/Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology. Teaching and research for MSc students in African Studies and Anthropology, MPhil and Doctoral supervision.
- 2017-ongoing Research Director, Nigeria Tax Research Network. NTRN is a collaborative network of more than 400 institutional and individual members in Nigeria and abroad, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and administered by the International Centre for Tax and Development, IDS Sussex.
- 2017-ongoing Participant researcher in Oxford Martin School 'Governing the African Transition' research programme, covering the political economy and social imagination of rail infrastructural development.

- 2014 - 2017 Economic and Social Research Council Future Research Leader fellowship for three-year research project 'Social contracts in transformation: Tax reform in Nigeria' focusing on the political economy of internally-generated revenue reforms in five selected Nigerian states.
- 2013 - 2014 (concurrent with fellowship): Project design and lead governance consultant on EU-FLEGT-supported, UNFAO-administered project to review and restructure forestry governance for Ekiti State Ministry of Environment, Nigeria.
- 2012 – 2018 Junior Research Fellow, Department of International Development, Oxford University. Research and publication, selected undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, some administrative duties, research project on state-level taxation in Nigeria, knowledge exchange project working with UK Justice for All programme and Nigeria Police Force.
- 2006 – 2007 Risk Analyst, Economic Associates, Lagos. Developed first ever state-by-state risk and forecasting model of Nigeria with in-house team.
- 2003 – 2006 Research Analyst for Global Insight, London: West Africa analyst for investment risk and economic forecasting specialists, working with global clients from private and public sector. Also occasional work with International Crisis Group during this period.
- 2002 – 2003 Project Officer, Centre for Democracy and Development, London: Prepared and anchored evaluative observation team for Nigeria 2003 elections, other project research and development for African-led governance and rights NGO.

## **CONSULTANCY AND PRO BONO ADVISORY**

Clients and pro bono working partners in governance and institutional reform, security sector reform, and development evaluation have included: The EU, the UK DfID and FCO, The Nigerian Federal Inland Revenue Service, the UK Parliament's All-Party Group on Freedom of Religion, International Crisis Group, Transparency International, DfID/British Council Justice for All, the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture, ITAD Ltd/MacArthur Foundation, the EU-FLEGT/UNFAO and Ekiti State Ministry of Environment, and the heritage NGO Legacy1995.

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

Co-editor (with Beek, Goepfert & Steinberg) *Rethinking Policing in Africa*, London, Hurst (forthcoming, spring 2015).

### **Book chapters**

Owen, O. 2013: 'Positions of Security and the Security of Position: Bureaucratic Prebendalism Inside the State' in Adebani, W. and Obadare, E. (eds) *Democracy and Prebendalism in Nigeria: Critical Interpretations*. Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan.

### **Articles in peer-reviewed journals**

Owen, O. and Cooper-Knock, S-J. Between vigilantism and bureaucracy: Improving our understanding of police work in Nigeria and South Africa. *Theoretical Criminology*. Prepublished November 19, 2014

Owen, O. 2013: Police and the public: Risk as preoccupation; *Sociologus*, 63 (1).

Owen, O. 2012: 'Maintenir l'ordre au Nigeria : vers une histoire de la souveraineté de l'Etat', *Politique Africaine* No. 128, special edition on *Corps habillés: Politique des métiers de l'ordre* (Bureaucrats in Uniform) edited by Debos, M. and Glasman, J.

Owen, O. 2009: Biafran Pound Notes; *Africa* Vol 79 (4).

### **Review articles**

Owen, O. 2011: Review of Ruth Marshall: Political spiritualities: the Pentecostal revolution in Nigeria in *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford Online*, ISSN: 2040-1876 New Series Volume 3, no. 1 pp119-122

Owen, O. 2009: Review of Richard Fardon: Lela in Bali: History Through Ceremony In Cameroon *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford Online* ISSN: 2040-1876 New Series

Owen, O. 2002: Review of Jay Spaulding and Stephanie Beswick (eds), *White Nile, Black Blood: war, ethnicity and leadership from Khartoum to Kampala* in *Africa*, Vol.72(3), p.503-505.

#### **Unpublished conference papers**

*Policing Nigeria: States of Informality*. Just Police Work: Ethnographic research on the police in Africa. Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany, 12-15 June 2013

*Risk and Motivation in Police Work in Nigeria*. Rethinking Policing in Africa workshop, St Anthony's College/British Academy, 17-18 May 2013

*The Police and the Public: Risk as Preoccupation*. Bureaucrats in Uniform Panel 104, 4th European Conference on African Studies, 15-18 June 2011, Uppsala, Sweden

*Ethnic Conflict and Citizenship in Central Nigeria*. New Research in Nigeria one-day Conference, St Anthony's College, Oxford, 2008

*The Politics of Election Observation in Nigeria*. Review of African Political Economy Conference, Centre for West African Studies, Birmingham University, 2004

#### **'Grey' and policy literature**

*The Nigeria Police Force: Predicaments and possibilities*. Nigeria Research Network working paper No.15, July 2014.

*On the record: Police performance management in South Africa and Nigeria* (with Andrew Faull). South Africa Crime Quarterly (46), January 2014.

*Policing communal conflicts – between the state, parallel providers, and communities*. NRN Policy Brief No 4, Nigeria Research Network, Oxford Department of International Development, March 2013.

*Reinforcing the Foundations: Ongoing Democratic Transition in Mali*; Centre for Democracy and Development, London, 2002.

#### **ACADEMIC GRANTS**

- ESRC Future Research Leaders 3-year fellowship: studying tax and social contract in Nigeria
- ESRC Impact Acceleration Account, 2014: Knowledge Exchange Fellowship
- Oxford University Fell Fund, 2013: To develop research on taxation in Nigeria.
- Oxford Development Studies Conference Support award, 2013: For workshop on new research in Nigeria.
- British Academy Partnership and Mobility Grant (with Dr J. Steinberg) 2012: To bring African scholars of policing to Oxford for research and conference.
- ESRC Overseas Institutional Visit Award, 2011: For Doctoral research at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
- Oxford University's Lienhardt Fund Bursary, 2008: For doctoral fieldwork research.
- Economic & Social Research Council, 2007-2011: Full doctoral research grant.
- SOAS, 2001: Full bursary for fees and maintenance for MSc African Politics.

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