

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Institute of Development Studies

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 November 1986

NATIONALITY: Japanese

LANGUAGES: Japanese, English, Spanish, German

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Agricultural Economics, Value Chain, Impact Assessment, Zoonotic Diseases, Antimicrobial Resistance

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: Vietnam, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Colombia

OVERVIEW

Ayako Ebata is an agricultural economist, trained in the US and Germany. Her main interest lies in value chain development and agricultural household decision making. She has been working at IDS since 2016 as a post-doctoral researcher for a project looking at zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance in Myanmar. In particular, she leads a value chain study that addresses the broader market system of livestock products in order to improve monitoring and control of zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial drug use in Myanmar. Prior to working at IDS, she conducted an impact assessment of an NGO project in Nicaragua focusing on value chain development for small agricultural farmers. In addition, she worked at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture in Vietnam and Lao PDR, conducting an economic impact assessment of cassava-related research. Throughout her career, she has acquired both quantitative (e.g. econometrics) and qualitative research skills.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2012 - 2015 **PhD (Agricultural Economics and Rural Development)**
University of Göttingen, Germany

2009 - 2011 **MSc (Agricultural Economics)**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

2005 - 2009 **BSc (Agricultural Economics)**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2016 – PRESENT **Post-doctoral researcher, Institute of Development Studies, UK and Myanmar**
Health systems analysis and value chain study in Myanmar; Funded by Myanmar Pig Partnership within the BBSRC/DFID Zoonotic Diseases and Emerging Livestock Systems Scheme

2016 – 2016 **Consultant, International Center for Tropical Agriculture, Vietnam**
Project proposals development; Assessment of research priority areas

2012 – 2016 **Doctoral researcher, University of Göttingen, Germany**
Impact assessment of an NGO intervention; Econometric analysis of panel data; Fieldwork in Nicaragua; Funded by DFG and DAAD through the GlobalFood Programme

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – PRESENT** **Post-doctoral researcher, Institute of Development Studies, UK and Myanmar**
Collaborated with the Government of Myanmar to facilitate social science fieldwork; Led fieldwork consisting of ethnographic observation, individual interviews, and focus group discussions; Designed and conducted a value chain study to quantify diseases risks and income-enhancing opportunities for stakeholders.
- 2012 – 2016** **Doctoral researcher, University of Göttingen, Germany**
Designed and conducted an impact assessment study for an NGO project focusing on value chain development in rural Nicaragua; Conducted a household survey; Applied econometric methods to quantify the effect of NGO interventions.
- 2010 – 2011** **Intern, International Center for Tropical Agriculture, Colombia and Lao PDR**
Conducted an economic impact assessment of cassava-related research in an interdisciplinary team; Conducted a survey of cross-border cassava trading between Cambodia and Vietnam; Conducted a farm survey in rural Vietnam.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

Publications

- Ebata, A., Velasco Pacheco, P.A., and von Cramon-Taubadel, S. (2017) The influence of proximity to market on bean producer prices in Nicaragua. *Agricultural Economics*. doi:10.1111/agec.12347
- Ebata, A. and Hernandez, M. (2016) Linking smallholder farmers to commercial markets: Evidence from nongovernmental organization training in Nicaragua. IFPRI Discussion Paper 1539.
- Ebata, A. and Hüttel, S. (2015) Do development projects link smallholders to markets? *GlobalFood Discussion Papers Series*. No.67.
- Ebata, A., Punt, M., and Wesseler, J. (2013) For the approval process of GMOs: the Japanese case. *AgBioForum* 16(2), 140-160.