

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Research fellow

**NATIONALITY:** Dutch

**LANGUAGES:** English (fluent), Dutch (mother language), French (conversational)

**THEMATIC EXPERTISE:** conflict and violence, citizenship, identity, agency, politics and local governance, youth

**GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE:** East and Southern Africa, Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda, Zimbabwe

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## OVERVIEW

Marjoke Oosterom is a research fellow and lecturer at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex. She holds a PhD from IDS and has a background in comparative politics and development studies. Her research concentrates on how specific experiences and mechanisms of violent conflict affect forms of agency, citizenship and identity. Marjoke's specific expertise is young people's experiences of marginalization and insecurity, youth citizenship and action, and youth in the informal economy, in conflict-affected settings and repressive regimes. Marjoke uses ethnographic and qualitative research methodologies, including participatory (visual) research methods; and has facilitated youth-led research. Apart from research she has been involved in advisory work for policy makers and international NGOs working on democratic governance, conflict, youth, voice and accountability, and citizen participation, including the facilitation of a learning journey for DFID.

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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

<b>2014</b>	<b>PhD</b> Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK Thesis: ' <i>The effects of conflict and forced displacement on the experience and practice of citizenship. A case study from Northern Uganda</i> '.
<b>2007</b>	<b>MA: Advanced Masters Programme in International Development (AMID)</b> Centre for International Development Issues (CIDIN) Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands
<b>2006</b>	<b>MSc: Political Science, Comparative politics</b> Faculty of Management, Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands
<b>2006</b>	<b>MA: Development Studies</b> Centre for International Development Issues (CIDIN) Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands
<b>2001</b>	<b>Propaedeuse Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies</b> Faculty of Social Sciences, Radboud University Nijmegen

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## RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

**2016 – PRESENT      Research fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK**

### **Current Research Projects:**

- *ESRC New Investigator Grant: 'Learning on the Streets. Urban youth and the informal economy in Zimbabwe.* (2019-2021, Principal Investigator, £300,000).
- *NorGlobal: The Politics of Youth Interventions in Africa's Authoritarian Regimes, in Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Mozambique and Uganda.* A collaboration with CMI, University of Bergen. Co-investigator, Project lead for the Zimbabwe case-study. (2019-2022, Co-investigator)
- *IFAD: Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Youth Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Mixed-Methods Study to Inform Policy and Programs* (2017-2020, US\$1.5 million, Co-Investigator, lead for Ethiopia and Uganda case studies).
- *IDRC: Active engagement, social innovation and resilience among young people in Zimbabwe (2017-2019).* A mixed-methods study on young people's socio-economic initiatives build resilience against political violence. (\$300,000 Co- investigator).
- *Mastercard Foundation: Matasa fellows' network:* co-convenor of the network of African early career scholars of youth employment (2018).
- *DFID: Action for Empowerment and Accountability.* Project lead for the project on civil society action for Commission of Inquiry, Plateau State, Nigeria. Researcher in the project on Fuel Price Protests, Zimbabwe case study (2018-2020).

### **Teaching:**

- Co-Convenor of the MA course Power, Participation and Social Change (2017-2019).
- Co-convenor of the MA module 'Power, and Social Perspectives on Development' (since September 2013): module design, lecturing, seminars; supervision of essays, term papers, and fieldwork practice; and assessments; dissertation supervision and marking.
- PhD supervision: I currently supervise 2 candidates
- PhD examination: I have been external examiner of 1 candidate in the UK, and 1 in the Netherlands.

### **Advisory work:**

- Lead advisor for the DFID Learning Journey on Youth Employment and Citizenship, a series of workshops and learning outputs for DFID policy advisors (2018).
- Wilton Park Youth Dialogue conference series (2017-2019). Lead intellectual partner for high-level conference series on youth citizenship, youth and peace, and youth employment.
- Guest lectures/ seminars and advisory work for the SDC Local Governance Network; The Hague Academy for Local Governance; Hivos Regional Office for Southern Africa; Plan International UK; NWO-WOTRO.

### **Previous research projects (since 2015):**

- *Act Alliance: Shrinking Civic space.* Researcher in the multi-country study on the effects of shrinking civic space for development in, lead for the Zimbabwe case study (2018, Co-Investigator).
- *Plan UK: Youth, participation and governance in fragile settings* (2016-2017). A multi-country study on how young people engage in formal and informal processes that address fragility, with case studies in Myanmar, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, and a desk review of programmatic approaches to youth participation in fragile settings. (Principal Investigator, £100,000).
- *Swiss Development Agency (2017): Youth, local governance and peacebuilding.* (PI, £13,000)
- *IDS-SDC Collaboration on Poverty, Politics and Participation* (2014-2017). The Collaboration is a framework for policy research in collaboration with the Swiss Development Cooperation. (Principal Investigator, GBP £ 500,000.-)
- *DFID Accountable Grant, Youth Employment theme* (2015-2016): a study on the linkages between economic agency and political agency among youth, and the politics of the informal economy in contexts of violence. (GBP 50,000.--)

**2013 – 2015      Postdoctoral research fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK**

- *Power, Violence, Citizenship and Agency programme* (2013-2015). Lead researcher of the case studies South Sudan and Zimbabwe within the programme. Research coordinator of the overall programme: coordination of its

consortium of partners and donors; managing the research uptake strategy and communications; financial management and reporting. (EURO 300,000.--)

- *Accountable Grant, Addressing and Mitigating Violence theme* (2013-2015): Researcher on two case studies in Kenya, focusing on political violence in Marsabit, and domestic insecurity linked to Al Shabaab. (GBP £ 100,000.--)

**2009-2013 PhD Candidate, Institute of Development Studies, UK**

The PhD project comprised the research and thesis, and a series of research uptake activities, including the facilitation of workshops on governance, citizenship and conflict for Dutch development organisations (Hivos, ICCO, PSO) and their partners, the production of a documentary film, blogs and working papers. IDS advisory work included:

- Trócaire (Ireland): co-facilitator of a workshop on democratic and accountable governance (2009);
- Oxfam GB in Uganda: training on power analysis and post-conflict governance for programme officers (2010);
- Christian Aid: mid-term review of the DFID funded 'Power to the People' programme; a programme on governance, participation and accountability (2011). A case study included fieldwork in Sierra Leone.
- Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) –A Political context analysis of Civil Society in the FYR Macedonia (2011)
- Oxfam GB – Strategies for CSOs in authoritarian and transition countries. A case study included civil society strategies for democratic governance in Rwanda (2012).

**2008 Senior Programme Officer, Hivos, the Netherlands**

Coordination of the Knowledge Programme on Promoting Pluralism. Design of the research programme in collaboration with academics and civil society practitioners, and the design and implementation of knowledge brokering activities and a research uptake strategy.

**2007-2008 Policy advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands**

Directorate General International Cooperation (DGIS), *Department for Cultural Cooperation, Education and Research*.

Programme design and coordination of policy research programmes for Dutch embassies in developing countries. Implementation of knowledge management activities.

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## AFFILIATIONS

2020 Visiting fellow, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague

2010 Research Associate, Refugee Law Project, Faculty of Law, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

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## Peer reviewed journal articles

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Oosterom, M.A. (2019) 'Building Kachin. Youth action for peace in Kachin state in Myanmar.' *Development & Change*. (published online April 2019) <https://doi.org/10.1111/dech.12506>

Oosterom, M.A. (2019) Youth and social navigation in Zimbabwe's informal economy. "Don't end up on the wrong side". *African Affairs*, 118(472),485-508.

Sumberg, J.; Fly, J.; Mader, P.; Mwaura, G.; Oosterom, M.A.' Sam-Kpakra, R., Shittu, A.I. (2019) 'Formal-sector employment and Africa's youth employment crisis: irrelevance or policy priority?', *Development Policy Review* (online publication April 2019) [doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12436](https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12436)

Oosterom, M.A. (2017) 'Gendered (in)security in South Sudan. Masculinities and Hybrid Governance in Imatong state', *Peacebuilding* 5:2, 186-202 (open access).

Lind, J.; Mutahi, P. and Oosterom, M.A. (2017) 'Killing a mosquito with a hammer': Al-Shabaab violence and state security responses in Kenya. *Journal of Peacebuilding* 5(2) 118-135

Oosterom, M.A. and Scott-Villiers, P. (eds.) (2016) Introduction: Special Issue on Poverty, Power and Inequality. *IDS Bulletin* 47(5), November 2016, Brighton: Institute of Development Studies

Oosterom, M.A. (2016) 'Internal displacement, the camp, and constructions of citizenship'. *Journal of Refugee Studies* 29(3): 363-387

Oosterom, M.A. (2016) 'The effects of conflict and displacement on citizen engagement in northern Uganda.' *Conflict, Security and Development* 16(1): 75-101

Oosterom, M.A. (2011) 'Gender and fragile citizenship in Uganda: the case of Acholi women.' *Gender & Development*, 19 (3), pp. 395-408.

### **Peer reviewed working papers and IDS research reports**

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Oosterom, M.A. & Gukurume, S. (2019) 'Managing the 'born-free'. Regime strategies for dealing with Zimbabwe's young generation.' Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute

Oosterom, M.A. (2018) *Youth Engagement in the Realm of Local Governance: Opportunities for Peace?* IDS Working Paper No. 501, Brighton: IDS

Oosterom, M.A. (2018). *Youth employment & citizenship: problematising theories of change*. K4D Emerging Issues Report. Brighton, UK: Institute of Development Studies.

Hossain, N.; Nazneen, S.; Oosterom, M.A.; Roberts, T.; Shankland, A.; and Schroeder, P. (2018) [What does closing civic space mean for development? A literature review and proposed conceptual framework](#). IDS Working paper, Brighton: IDS.

Hossain, N. et al. (2018) [Energy Protests in Fragile Settings](#) IDS Working Paper, Brighton: IDS.

Flynn, J.; Mader, P. & Oosterom, M.A. (2017) *Failing Young People? Addressing the Supply-side Bias and Individualisation in Youth Employment Programming*. IDS Evidence report No 216, January 2017. Brighton: IDS.

Oosterom, M.A. (2016) *Navigating the violent politics of informal work. A conceptual framework*. IDS Evidence Report No. 198, Brighton: IDS.

Lind, J., Oosterom, M.A. & Mutahi, P. (2015) *Tangled Ties. Al Shabaab and changing politics of violence in Kenya*. IDS Evidence Report No. 130, Brighton: IDS.

Oosterom, M.A. & Pswarayi, L. (2014) 'Being a born-free'. *Violence and youth agency in Zimbabwe*. IDS Research Report No. 79, Brighton: IDS.

Oosterom, M.A. (2014) 'It moves as quickly as bushfire'. *Gendered violence and insecurity in South Sudan*. IDS Research report No. 78. Brighton: IDS.

Scott-Villiers, P., Ondicho, T., Lubaale, G., Ndugu, D., Kabala, N., and Oosterom, M.A. (2014) *Roots and Routes of Political Violence in Kenya's Civil and Political Society: A Case Study of Marsabit County*. IDS Evidence Report, Brighton: IDS.

### **Book chapters**

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Oosterom, M.A. (under review with Palgrave) 'Ambiguous agency and strategies of non-violence: Youth and 'Everyday Peace' in the city of Jos, Nigeria.' In: Ebiede, T.M. & Iwilade, A. (Eds.) *Youth and non-violence in Africa*.

Oosterom, M.A. (forthcoming 2019) 'Power and agency in violent settings.' In: McGee, R. & Pettit, J. (Eds.) (2019) *Power, empowerment and social change*. London: Routledge.

## Consultancy reports

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Oosterom, M.A. (2018) *Shrinking civic space and its effect on selected SDGs in Zimbabwe*. Report for the Act Alliance.

Oosterom, M.A.; Wignall, R. & Wilson, S. (2018) [Youth action in fragile settings](#). Report for Plan International UK.

Chari, A.; Flynn, J.; Mader, P.; Mwaura, G.; Oosterom, M.; Roelen, K.; Sam-Kpakra, R.; Ibrahim Shittu, A.; and Sumberg, J. (2017) [Barriers to Job Creation and Labour Market Access for Youth in Sub-Saharan Africa](#). Report for DFID's Business Environment Reform Facility. London: DFID (BERF).

## Policy briefings

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Oosterom, M.A. & McGee, R. (2014) *The Underside of Political Settlements. Violence in Kenya and Egypt*. IDS Policy Briefing, Issue 62, May 2014. Brighton: IDS

Oosterhoff, P.; Mills, E.A.; & Oosterom, M.A. (2014) *Addressing Sexual Violence in and Beyond the War Zone*. IDS Rapid Response Briefing, Issue 7, June 2014. Brighton: IDS

## Conference papers

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Youth and resilience to political violence in Zimbabwe: the role of family, peers, and social institutions. European Associations for African Studies, Edinburgh, (June 2019)

Ambiguous agency and the spectrum of violence to non-violence, European Associations for African Studies, Basel, (June 2017).

Youth navigating the violent politics in the informal economy in Zimbabwe, Development Studies Association Conference, (12-14 September 2016, Oxford, UK)

Citizen engagement in post-conflict situations. Sheffield Institute for International Development's Annual Conference (16-17 March 2012).

Citizen engagement in post-conflict situations. PhD Conference on International Development at the University of East Anglia (19-20 September 2013).

A matter of catching up? Citizen engagement in northern Uganda. The World Conference on Humanitarian Studies (Istanbul, 24-27 October 2013).

Gender and insecurity in South Sudan. African Studies Association UK Conference, University of Sussex (September 2014).

Youth agency and violence in Zimbabwe. African Studies Association UK Conference, University of Sussex (September 2014).