

## **Eustache Z. ZIGASHANE**

### **Curriculum Vitae (*Last updated August 2024*)**

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#### **RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS**

Humanitarian, Conflict & Development Nexus  
Peace, Human Rights, Democracy & Governance  
Political & Economic Sociology

#### **EDUCATION**

##### **Texas A&M University Fall 2020 – *In progress*, College Station, Texas, USA**

*Ph.D. in Sociology.*

Dissertation Title: Essays in the Political Sociology of Conflict and Development in Africa

Committee: Dr. Nancy Plankey Videla (Chair)  
Dr. Robert Mackin  
Dr. Defne Over  
Dr. Edwin C. Price

##### **Catholic University of Eastern Africa/Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations 2015 – 2017, Nairobi, Kenya**

*Master of Arts in Peace Studies and International Relations.*

Thesis Title: Security and Conflict Dynamics in the Democratic Republic of Congo: An Analysis of the Protracted FDLR Insurgency in North Kivu

Committee: Dr. Elias Opongo, SJ (Chair)  
Dr. Elisée Rutagambwa, SJ  
Dr. Jim Stormes, SJ

##### **Loyola University of Congo/Faculté de Philosophie Saint Pierre Canisius 2010 – 2013, Kinshasa, DR Congo**

*Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy.*

Senior Thesis: De l'Arbitrage du Conflit des Interprétations à la Résolution des Dissensions Sociopolitiques dans la Région des Grands Lacs: Reprise Méthodologique de Paul Ricoeur.

Supervisor: Dr. Jean Onaotsho Kawende

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

##### **Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, Texas, USA: January 2023 – December 2024**

*Research Assistant in the Department of Sociology*

- Working on several research projects on conflict dynamics in DR Congo.
- Conducting analyses on the country's security situation and the prospects for peace and socio-economic development.
- Presenting research findings at professional conferences/meetings.

**Conflict & Development Foundation (CDF), Kinshasa, DR Congo:**

**August 2022 – December 2022**

*Technical Research Consultant: BHA/USAID Resilience Food Security Activity in DR Congo.*

- Served as the research team point of contact based in Kinshasa, DR Congo.
- Provided strategic support to the research team based in the U.S.
- Facilitated the IRB approval process in Kinshasa with partners from Purdue University based in the U.S.
- Liaised with implementing partners at national and local levels in DR Congo.
- Assisted in the data collection activities in Tanganyika and Kasai provinces.
- Supported the data analysis process for Tanganyika and Kasai provinces.

**Center on Conflict and Development at TAMU, College Station, Texas, USA:**

**August 2020 – July 2022**

*Research Assistant: Center on Conflict and Development at Texas A&M University*

- Developed and drafted concept notes on current issues in DR Congo.
- Supported research on conflict and development nexus in DR Congo.
- Drafted a conflict & socio-economic mapping of Bas-Uele/DR Congo.

**ConDev-Congo Peace Center (CPC), Kinshasa, DR Congo:**

**February 2018 – April 2020**

*Project Manager: World Bank-funded Conflict Prevention & Management Project*

- Coordinated and managed various aspects of the program such as project planning, its implementation, and reporting in partnership with multiple stakeholders including the World Bank in Kinshasa, the Social Fund of DR Congo (FSRDC) in Kisangani, and local partner organizations in Bas-Uele.
- Worked closely with the Country Director/Congo Peace Center (CPC) in Kinshasa and the Center on Conflict & Development Director at TAMU/U.S.
- Developed/monitored the timely/effective implementation of programs.
- Worked in partnership with governmental authorities, civil society organizations, traditional and religious leaders, etc.
- Conducted field research on existing conflicts in the province of Bas-Uele.
- Led capacity-building activities/workshops with governmental authorities, civil society organizations, and traditional and religious leaders on alternative dispute resolution, early warning systems, and Do No Harm.
- Established early warning systems throughout the province for an early, effective, and coordinated response to conflicts and their unintended effects on various World Bank-funded infrastructure projects in Bas-Uele.
- Served as a principal mediator on conflicts involving local communities, members of CSOs, traditional leaders, local authorities, and the agencies implementing World Bank projects throughout Bas-Uele.
- Established Local Peace/Development Committees throughout Bas-Uele.

**Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI), Kinshasa, DR Congo:**

**November 2017 – January 2018**

*Volunteer: Food Security & Peace*

- Worked closely with the Country Director.
- Conducted Needs Assessment for ECHO Projects in Kasai and North Kivu.

- Drafted reports on conflict dynamics in Kasai and North Kivu.
- Proofread documents and reports on COOPI's activities in the DR Congo.

**Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network Africa (JENA), Nairobi, Kenya:  
August 2015 – July 2017**

*Research and Administrative Assistant*

- Worked closely with the Director of JENA based in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Conducted brainstorming activities on the deficit of Leadership, Democracy, and Governance in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Oversaw research activities on violent extremism and youth radicalization in Africa with various African research centers and human rights activists.
- Supported monitoring activities and reporting on JENA's programs.
- Performed a variety of administrative and procedural duties.
- Proofread and provided English/French translations of several documents.

**Society of Jesus, Kinshasa & Kwango Province, Kasongolunda, DR Congo:  
July 2013 – June 2015**

*Logistics Manager*

- Managed the logistics department and its staff
- Ensured conformity with program policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Ensured the staff, team members, and program participants complied with the Christian values of the Society of Jesus.
- Oversaw purchasing, shipping, and other logistics-related operations
- Assisted the Regional Finance Officer on budget planning and management
- Drafted and maintained accurate budget-related reports and documents.

**PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

- Zigashane, Eustache. (*Forthcoming, 2024*). Conflict Mapping in Multiethnic Society: Developing Resolution Strategies in the Democratic Republic of Congo. *Conflict Resolution Quarterly* (ISSN 1541-1508), USA.
- Zigashane, Eustache. (*Under Review, 2024*). FDLR Armed Insurgency and Conflicts in Eastern DR Congo. *Conflict and Society* (ISSN 21644543), USA.
- Zigashane, Eustache. (April 2017). Understanding Migration and Refugee Issues in the DR Congo. *Journal of Theology and Culture, AKWABA No. 15*, CERAP, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
- Zigashane, Eustache. (May 2016). Healing Uncured Wounds through Forgiveness. *Hekima Review No. 54*, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Zigashane, Eustache. (*In progress*). Brain Drain or Brain Gain? Remittances' Effects on Development and Stability in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Zigashane, Eustache. (*In progress*). Neoliberal Financial Policies and Development in Africa: Did the walk match the talk in DR Congo?

**SELECTED CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS**

- August 09 – 13, 2024: “*Could Resolving the FDLR Insurgency Stabilize Eastern DR Congo?*” Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) international conference in Montreal, Canada.

- March 29 – April 01, 2023: “*The Brain Drain Phenomenon and Remittances in Sub-Saharan Africa: Case Study of the ICGLR Member States.*” Presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) in Fort Worth, TX, USA.
- April 21 – 23, 2022: “*Conflict Mapping in the Bas-Uele Province of the DR Congo: A Participatory Approach.*” Presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association (SSA), 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: San Antonio, Texas, USA.
- January 19, 2017: International Conference on *Security Conceptualization and Reforms in South Sudan, Somalia, and DR Congo*, organized by the International Peace Support Training Centre, Nairobi, Kenya.
- October 4 – 5, 2016: *Extractive Industries in Africa: Addressing Conflicts and Integrating Sustainable Development in DR Congo*, organized by HIPSIR, Nairobi, Kenya.
- September 05, 2016: *Leadership and Governance Deficit in Africa*: JENA, Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations, Nairobi, Kenya.

### **CERTIFICATION**

- 2017: Leadership, Project Management, and Project Proposal Writing: HIPSIR

### **LANGUAGE & ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

- **Swahili** (Native); **French** (Native); **English** (Fluent); **Lingala** (Fluent); **Kikongo** (Basic proficiency).
- Excellent command of Microsoft Office (Word – Excel – PowerPoint).
- Knowledge of **SPSS** and **STATA** Software for data analysis.
- Quantitative and qualitative analytical and writing skills.
- Ability to adjust to/and acquire new skills, knowledge, and competencies.
- Strong interpersonal, multicultural, organizational, and teamwork skills.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

- Fall 2020 – Fall 2024: Conflict & Development Foundation (CDF) Ph.D. Research Fellowship, Texas A&M University.
- Summer 2024: Departmental Award (SOCIO Graduate Student Awards Committee) for the 2024 American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference Attendance, Montreal, Canada.
- Spring 2023: Departmental Award (SOCIO Graduate Student Awards Committee) for the 2023 Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, USA.
- Summer 2022: Departmental Award (SOCIO Graduate Student Awards Committee) for Archival Data Collection in Kinshasa, DR Congo.
- Spring 2022: Departmental Award (SOCIO Graduate Student Awards Committee) for the 2022 Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, USA.