

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Qualifications:

2000:	University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.	PhD
1996:	JawaharLal Nehru University, New Dehli.	MPhil
1994:	University of Nairobi, Kenya.	MA
1992:	University of Nairobi, Kenya.	BA

Excellence Award & Professional Affiliations

- Malaysian Commonwealth Cambridge Scholar 1997: A merit award to outstanding able scholars going to the University of Cambridge given by the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust in collaboration with the Malaysian Commonwealth Studies Centre.
- Member Cambridge Commonwealth Society

Employment:

Present: From May 2009 - **Principal**

Kenya Utalii College, Nairobi

April 2004 – May 2009 - **Lecturer**

Department of History, University of Nairobi.

October 2003 - April 2004:
Visiting Research Fellow

Centre of African Studies - University of Cambridge

2001-October 2003: - **Lecturer**

Department of History, University of Nairobi.

During the same period, I was an Examination Officer in-charge of coordinating examinations and post-graduate projects.

2000: **Conference Organising Assistant**

In the African Studies, Association, UK Biennial Conference at Trinity College, University of Cambridge, UK.

1996-97: **Research Assistant on the history & epidemiology of malaria in East Africa project**

Collaborative project between Wellcome Trust/KEMRI Medical Research Laboratories, Nairobi, & Wellcome Unit of the History of Medicine, University of Oxford, UK.

1994-1995: **Administrator & Research Officer.**

The East Action Club for East Africa (EACA) is a minority lobby group. My duties there involved doing research into minority problems, advocacy on minority rights, undertaking administrative duties, writing EACA's newsletters and reports

Research Work & Publications:

Consultancy:

Research activities 2006

- **March 2006: Research funding:** Got a grant from the Ford Foundation of \$ 7348 to undertake a study on “The civil society and politics in Kenya: A history”.
- **March 2006: Journal publication submission:** Submitted a manuscript for publication to the *African Studies Review*, a journal of the African Studies Association of USA. The paper is entitled “Urban malaria control in Kenya, 1899-1926”
- **May 2006: Conference participation:** Secured funding from the African Studies Centre Cambridge to attend a conference on “Honour and Poverty in African History: A symposium in honour of Professor John Iliffe, Kings College, University of Cambridge, UK. I gave a paper on “Malaria and the Configuration of Ethnic Identity in colonial Kenya”.
- **July 2007: Conference participation:** Secured funding to attend a conference of the African Studies Association of Germany (VAD) Conference on “Knowledge and the Sciences in Africa” and gave a paper on “ A mixed bag: Post-coloniality and medical research in Kenya”.
- **A continuing collaborative project** between me and Dr. Paul Wenzel Geisler, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on “Researcher-Community Interactions in Medical Research and Disease Control: The Experience of the Division of Vector Borne Diseases (DVBD). This is a Wellcome Trust funded project which started in December 2005.
- **November 2006: In-Country Coordinator (ICC)** of “Tracking Development: Divergent Paths to Prosperity and Poverty: Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia in Comparative Perspective”. A five year Dutch government-sponsored multi-disciplinary research project bringing together researchers from Netherlands, UK, several Asian and African countries.
- **November 2006: Seminar presentation:** “Tales from Nairobi’s *Eastends*: The *Histories* of Mathare Valley, Nairobi, Kenya”: A paper presented with Dr. George Gona at the History and Social Science Seminar series organized by the University of Nairobi, British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA), French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA) and National Museums of Kenya. We have submitted a proposal by the same title to the BIEA for funding.

Publications

K.S. Ombongi, "Radical Change in Mvita", in H. Marpeu, W. Mitullah and M. Katumanga, *The Moi transition* (Nairobi: Trans-Africa, 2005).

K.S. Ombongi & Marcel Rutten, "Kenya in the Nineteenth century", Kevin Shillington ed. *Encyclopedia of African History Volume 2* (London/New York, Fitzroy Dearborn, 2005)

K.S. Ombongi, 'The Gusii Electoral Politics: An analysis of 1997 Elections', in M. Rutton, A. Mazrui and F. Grignon, *Out for the count: Democracy in Kenya*, 2001.

K.S. Ombongi, M. Malowany, M.J. Dobson and R.W. Snow, 'The East African Medical Journal : Its history and contribution to malaria research during the last 75 years', *The East African Medical Journal*, Vol. 75 no.6, 1998, pp.s10-s19.

K.S. Ombongi, M. Malowany, M.J. Dobson and R.W. Snow, 'The Voice of East Africa: The East African Medical Journal at its 75th Anniversary', *Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, vol.92, 1998, pp.685-686.

Unpublished works

K.S. Ombongi, 'The kaleidoscopic duality: Nehru's enduring legacy in the 21st century', a paper presented at the symposium organized by the High Commission of India at the UNEP Headquarters, Gigiri, Nairobi, 15th November 2004.

K.S. Ombongi, 'Beyond the dual contest: The 2002 polls in Mvita, Mombasa', a paper that will be in the forthcoming book on the 2002 Kenya elections funded by the French Institute for Research in Africa.

K.S. Ombongi, 'Urban malaria control in colonial Kenya, 1896-1926, a paper presented at the African Studies Centre, University of Cambridge, Conference on African Urban Histories, 13 March 2004, Trinity College, University of Cambridge.

K.S. Ombongi, 'The rage for sanitary improvement: Malaria control in early urban Kenya', a paper presented at the Five Colleges Conference in Northampton, USA, and thereafter in the African Studies Association Conference, Boston, October 2003.

K.S. Ombongi and Karuti Kanyinga, 'Steaming cups: The coffee sector today: The case of Nyeri and Meru', a paper presented at the workshop on Business Systems in Africa, Organised by the Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi, and Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen, 17th April 2001.

K.S. Ombongi, 'Colonial Kisumu: A kaleidoscope of contending hegemonies', a paper presented during the Kisumu centenary celebrations, December 2001, Tom Mboya, Labour, College, Kisumu

K.S. Ombongi, 'Poverty and oriental religions: The case of Hinduism', a paper presented in a seminar on Religion and Poverty at the Loreto Mary Ward Centre, Langata, 24th July 2001

K. S. Ombongi and M. Rutten, 'Pre-colonial Kenya in the 19th century', contribution in the yet to be published encyclopedia of African history.

K.S. Ombongi, 'A history of malaria control policy in colonial Kenya, 1897-1963', unpublished PhD dissertation, University of Cambridge, UK, 2000.

K.S. Ombongi, 'Dashed hopes and missed opportunities: Drug, insecticide and biological anti-malaria schemes in Kenya, 1950-63', unpublished paper presented to the Kirk-Greene Junior Fellowship Selection Committee, University of Oxford, September, 200.

K.S. Ombongi, 'Eclecticism and Expediency: Evolution of Dayanand Anglo-Vedic Society Education Movement in colonial north India, 1886-1936', an unpublished MPhil dissertation, JawarharLal Nehru University, 1996.

K.S. Ombongi, 'Hindu Socio-religious Organisations in Kenya: A case of Arya Samaj, 1903 - 1978', an unpublished dissertation, University of Nairobi, 1993.