

MICHAEL ROLL

University of Wisconsin–Madison
Department of Sociology
8128 Sewell Social Sciences Building
1180 Observatory Drive
Madison, WI 53706

mroll@wisc.edu
(608) 658-0654
www.michaelroll.net

EDUCATION

- 2018 (expected) Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Dissertation: Rebel Bureaucracies: Corruption Networks, Organizational Change, and Effective Government Agencies in Nigeria
Committee: Ivan Ermakoff (Chair), Myra Marx Ferree, Gay Seidman, Robert Freeland, Aili Mari Tripp (Gender and Women’s Studies and Political Science)
- 2004 M.A. with distinction, Sociology, Bielefeld University (Germany)
- 2001 B.Phil. cum laude, Society, Culture, and Identity (Social Anthropology), Stellenbosch University (South Africa)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Sociology, Global and Transnational Sociology, Sociology of Development, Social Movements, Organizations and Economic Sociology, Law and Society, Comparative-Historical Sociology, Theory.

APPLIED WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2010-12 Senior Political Analyst and Coordinator for West and Central Africa, Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) Headquarters, Berlin
- 2007-09 Country Director, Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) Nigeria Office, Abuja and Lagos
- 2005-06 Program Manager for Governance and Economic Policy, Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) South Africa Office, Johannesburg
- 2002 Consultant, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Inter-Country Team for Eastern and Southern Africa, Pretoria, South Africa

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2007 Roll, Michael, Benjamin Hodick, Esther Kabey, Stefan Leiderer, Stefanie Schnitzer, and Julia Ziegenbein. *Public Financial Management for Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) Implementation in Malawi: Formal and Informal Public Financial Management Institutions in a Decentralising System*. Studies of the German Development Institute. No. 28. Bonn: German Development Institute.

Edited Volumes

- 2014 Roll, Michael. *The Politics of Public Sector Performance: Pockets of Effectiveness in Developing Countries*. London and New York: Routledge.
- 2011 Roll, Michael and Sebastian Sperling. *Fuelling the World—Failing the Region? Oil Governance and Development in Africa’s Gulf of Guinea*. Berlin: Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2007 Roll, Michael, Katharina Hofmann, Jürgen Kretz, and Sebastian Sperling. “Contrasting perceptions: Chinese, African, and European perspectives on the China-Africa Summit.” *International Politics and Society* 2:75-90.
- 2004 Roll, Michael. “Autonomous politicians and the local state in Sri Lanka: On the social organisation of politics and administration.” *International Quarterly for Asian Studies* 35 (3-4):263-93.

Book Chapters

- 2014 Roll, Michael. “Comparative analysis: deciphering pockets of effectiveness.” In: Michael Roll. Ed. *The Politics of Public Sector Performance: Pockets of Effectiveness in Developing Countries*. London and New York: Routledge:194-241.
- 2014 Roll, Michael and A. Irene Pogonon. “Turning Nigeria’s drug sector around: the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC).” In: Michael Roll. Ed. *The Politics of Public Sector Performance: Pockets of Effectiveness in Developing Countries*. London and New York: Routledge:97-127.
- 2014 Roll, Michael. “Pockets of effectiveness: review and analytical framework.” In: Michael Roll. Ed. *The Politics of Public Sector Performance: Pockets of Effectiveness in Developing Countries*. London and New York: Routledge:22-42.
- 2014 Roll, Michael. “Introduction.” In: Michael Roll. Ed. *The Politics of Public Sector Performance: Pockets of Effectiveness in Developing Countries*. London and New York: Routledge:1-21.
- 2014 Roll, Michael. “The State that Works: A ‘Pockets of Effectiveness’ Perspective on Nigeria and Beyond.” In: Thomas Bierschenk and Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan. Eds. *States at Work: Dynamics of African Bureaucracies*. Leiden: Brill:365-98.
- 2011 Roll, Michael. “Conclusion: Solutions to the resource curse reconsidered.” In: Michael Roll and Sebastian Sperling. Eds. *Fuelling the World—Failing the Region? Oil Governance and Development in Africa’s Gulf of Guinea*. Berlin: Friedrich Ebert Foundation:208-24.
- 2011 Roll, Michael. “Breaking the Resource Curse Politically: Direct Oil Revenue Distribution and Taxation in the Gulf of Guinea.” In: Michael Roll and Sebastian Sperling. Eds. *Fuelling the World—Failing the Region? Oil Governance and Development in Africa’s Gulf of Guinea*. Berlin: Friedrich Ebert Foundation:171-81.
- 2011 Roll, Michael. “Introduction: Resource governance, development, and democracy in Africa’s Gulf of Guinea.” In: Michael Roll and Sebastian Sperling. Eds. *Fuelling the World—Failing the Region? Oil Governance and Development in Africa’s Gulf of Guinea*. Berlin: Friedrich Ebert Foundation:8-31.

Under Review

Roll, Michael. "Weak States, Peripheral Spaces, and Vigilante Movements in the Global South."

In Preparation

Roll, Michael. "The Marginality Advantage: Corruption Networks, Gender, and Government Agency Performance in Patrimonial States."

Roll, Michael. "Toward a Pragmatist Sociology of Organizational Change and Social Development in Patrimonial States."

Roll, Michael. "When Government Agencies Mobilize Society: Evidence from Nigeria."

Roll, Michael. "Transnational Regulatory Arrangements: Weak States, Creative Bureaucrats, and the Global Counterfeit Drug Trade."

Roll, Michael. "Accidental Regime Suicide: A Nested Events Analysis of the Collapse of the German Democratic Republic."

Public Sociology

- 2012 Roll, Michael. "Democracy vs. Resource Curse: Thinking about a New Model for Developing Countries." Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) Policy Brief. Berlin: Friedrich Ebert Foundation [in German].
- 2011 Roll, Michael. "Oil and Circuses: Libya Needs a Taxation-and-Transfer Model to Become a Democracy." Op-Ed Article, *Financial Times Deutschland*, November 17:24 [in German].
- 2008 Roll, Michael. "'Baba Go-Slow': Growing Impatience with Nigeria's President Yar'Adua." Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) Policy Brief. Berlin: Friedrich Ebert Foundation [in German].
- 2007 "A Political Economy Analysis for Democracy Promotion." Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) Discussion Paper. Berlin: Friedrich Ebert Foundation [in German].
- 2006 Roll, Michael. "A Political Economy Analysis for Development Cooperation: The 'Drivers of Change' Approach." Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) Discussion Paper. Berlin: Friedrich Ebert Foundation [in German].
- 2006 Roll, Michael and Werner Rechmann. "South Africa's ANC: Victory despite Protests." *Afrika Süd—Zeitschrift zum Südlichen Afrika* 35(2):8-10 [in German].

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017 Invited Panelist at the American Sociological Association Theory Section's Junior Theorist Symposium
- 2017 Mellon-Wisconsin Dissertation Writing Camp, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award, National Science Foundation. \$11,934
- 2016 Graduate Student Fieldwork Award, Institute for Regional and International Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, \$3,000

- 2016 Graduate Student Research Award, Global Health Institute, University of Wisconsin–Madison, \$4,980
- 2013-15 Gerald and Barbara E. Marwell Summer Research Award, Department of Sociology, University Wisconsin–Madison, \$3,000 per summer

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017-18 Law and Society Graduate Fellowship, Institute for Legal Studies, University of Wisconsin Law School
- 2017 Raymond J. Penn Scholarship, Development Studies Program, University of Wisconsin–Madison, \$2,500
- 2017 Mellon–Wisconsin Summer Fellowship, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the University of Wisconsin–Madison, \$6,768
- 2016 Sharon Abramson Research Grant for the Study of the Holocaust, Holocaust Educational Foundation, Northwestern University, \$4,000 (declined)
- 2015-16 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin–Madison, \$19,710
- 2014 Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, \$5,000
- 2013-14 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin–Madison, \$19,125
- 2012-13 Chancellor’s Opportunity Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin–Madison, \$18,756
- 2009 Research Grant for the “Pockets of Bureaucratic Integrity and Effectiveness” Project for Friedrich Ebert Foundation Nigeria Office, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), \$30,000
- 2009 Conference Support Grant for the “Pockets of Bureaucratic Integrity and Effectiveness” International Peer Review Conference for Friedrich Ebert Foundation Nigeria Office, Institute of International Education (IIE), \$20,000

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 “External Versus Internal Reform: Bureaucratic Enclaves and Pockets of Effectiveness in Comparative Perspective.” Alternative Modes of Governance in the Global South Conference. June 2-3. Sciences Po Bordeaux, France.
- 2014 “Gender, Corruption Networks and Governance in Patrimonial States.” International Workshop: Why is Gender Equality Good for Governance? Free University Berlin. October 31. Berlin, Germany.
- 2014 “The Politics of Public Sector Performance: Pockets of Effectiveness in Developing Countries.” La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin–Madison. September 23. Madison, WI.
- 2011 “From Resource Curse to Democracy: A New Model for Resource-Rich Developing Countries.” Ambassador’s Conference. German Federal Foreign Office. August 31. Berlin, Germany.
- 2011 “A New Model for Avoiding the Resource Curse in Oil-Rich African Countries.” German Parliament *Bundestag*. March 24. Berlin, Germany.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “When Government Agencies Mobilize Civil Society: Evidence from Nigeria” States and Society Network, Social Science History Association Annual Conference. November 2-5. Montréal, Canada.
- 2017 “Social Innovations against Corruption: Evidence from Nigeria.” American Sociological Association Sociology of Development Annual Conference. Wayne State University. October 5-7. Detroit, MI.
- 2017 “Southern Movements: Peripheral Spaces and Vigilante Movement Emergence in the Global South.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 12-15. Montréal, Canada.
- 2017 “Southern Movements: States and Vigilante Collective Action in Peripheral Spaces.” American Sociological Association Theory Section’s Junior Theorist Symposium. August 11. Montréal, Canada.
- 2017 “The Marginality Advantage: Corruption Networks, Gender, and Bureaucratic Performance in Africa.” Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management. August 4-8. Atlanta, GA.
- 2017 “Weak States, Peripheral Spaces, and Vigilante Movements in the Global South.” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sociological Association. May 29-June 1. Toronto, Canada.
- 2017 “The Marginality Advantage: Corruption Networks, Gender, and Organizational Performance in Patrimonial States.” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sociological Association. May 29-June 1. Toronto, Canada.
- 2016 “Gender and Corruption in Patrimonial Bureaucracies—A Causal Process Approach.” Gender and Corruption Workshop. University of Gothenburg. May 23-24. Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 2015 “Corruption Networks, Gender, and Bureaucratic Performance in Patrimonial States.” American Sociological Association Sociology of Development Annual Conference. Brown University. March 14-15. Providence, RI.
- 2013 “Pockets of Effectiveness. Strong Public Institutions in Weak States. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Science Association. August 10-13. New York, NY.
- 2013 “Pockets of Effectiveness: Why Do Strong Public Institutions Exist in Weak States?” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 29-September 1. Chicago, IL.
- 2011 “Can ‘Pockets of Effectiveness’ Trigger Public Sector Transformation in Africa?” European Conference on African Studies. June 15-18. Uppsala, Sweden.
- 2006 “How Special Are Bureaucracies in the Global South? Formal and Informal Institutions of Public Financial Management in Malawi and Berlin Compared.” International Conference on the Appropriation, the Use, and the Formation of States in the Global South. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. July 20. Halle/Saale, Germany.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Independently designed and taught the following course discussion sections:

- Spring 2017 Survey of Sociology (Soc 210), Writing-intensive advanced academic literacy course, Professor Joseph Conti

- Spring 2015 Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Soc 357), Professor Chaeyoon Lim
- Fall 2014 Survey of Sociology (Soc 210), Writing-intensive advanced academic literacy course, Professor Chad Alan Goldberg
- 2009-11 Research methods, data management and analysis, collaborative research strategies, and academic writing. 24 senior and junior scholars as part of research project “Pockets of Bureaucratic Integrity and Effectiveness” in Nigeria
- 2005 Social Research Methods and Computer-Aided Qualitative Data Analysis. German Development Institute. Bonn, Germany

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2009-11 Initiator and Research Coordinator of the “Pockets of Bureaucratic Integrity and Effectiveness” Project for Friedrich Ebert Foundation Nigeria Office (24 Nigerian and 6 international researchers; budget: €210,000)
- 2009-11 Initiator and Research Coordinator of the “Fueling the World—Failing the Region? Oil Governance and Development in Africa’s Gulf of Guinea” Project for Friedrich Ebert Foundation West Africa Office (67 international researchers and politicians; budget: €130,000)
- 2004-05 Research and Data Analysis Coordinator. Malawi Research Team at the German Development Institute. Bonn, Germany
- 2003-04 Academic Excellence Research Fellow, Institute for World Society Studies, Bielefeld University, Germany
- 2002-03 Research Assistant. Sociology of Development Research Centre. Bielefeld University, Germany

EXTRA TRAINING

- 2004-05 Post-Graduate Certificate in Development Cooperation, German Development Institute, Bonn, Germany

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017-20 External Advisor. “Investigating ‘Pockets of Effectiveness’ in Developing Countries: A New Route to Building State Capacity for Development.” Research Program coordinated by the University of Manchester with funding from the Economic and Social Research Council and the UK Department for International Development, £498,000.

LANGUAGES

German: Native

English: Proficient

French: Advanced reading

Portuguese: Advanced reading

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association, Canadian Sociological Association, International Sociological Association, Social Science History Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, International Political Science Association.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.