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Primary Field: Applied Microeconomics

Secondary Fields: Economics of Education, Economics of Migration, Applied Microeconometrics

EDUCATION

University of Padova, Italy

Oct. 2023 - Present

PhD in Economics & Management - curriculum Economics

Supervisors: Elisabetta Lodigiani & Giorgio Brunello

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

Feb. 2026 - Aug. 2026

Visiting Doctoral Researcher

Supervisors: Riccardo Turati & Alessio Romarri

University of Verona, Italy

Oct. 2020 - Sept. 2022

Laurea Magistrale in Economics and Data Analysis (LM 56) - 106/110

Supervisors: Alessandro Buccioli & Claudio Zoli

Wisconsin International University College, Ghana

Oct. 2015 - May 2019

Bachelor of Science in Economics - 3.88/4.0

Supervisors: Makarios Aryithey Aryee

PUBLICATIONS

- Osei, B., Kulu, E., Appiah-Konadu, P., Kuuwill, A., & **Apetorgbor, V. K.** (2026). Intensifying sponge cities development to tackle flooding: Evidence from Central and Southern European cities. *Scottish Geographical Journal*, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14702541.2026.2697416>
- Apetorgbor, V. K.**, & Appiah-Konadu, P. (2026). Colonial legacies and the uneven rise of Ghana's knowledge economy: Evidence from the Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS). In Edeh, J. (ed) *Who Owns Africa? Volume I: The Cage Was Built*. Centre for Emerging Markets, South Africa. *Forthcoming*.
- Apetorgbor, V. K.**, Appiah-Konadu, P., & Osei, B. (2024). Creating Shared Value for Stakeholders: A Strategic Approach to Building Sustainable Businesses in Africa. In: Ogbu, S.U., Ogbechie, R. (eds). *Business Ethics in Africa, Volume I*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-64427-6_9
- Appiah-Konadu, P., **Apetorgbor, V. K.**, & Atanya, O. (2022). Non-financial reporting regulation and the state of sustainability disclosure among banks in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA): A literature review on banks in Ghana and Nigeria. *Management and Leadership for a Sustainable Africa, Volume 2: Roles, Responsibilities, and Prospects*, 55. doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-04923-1_4

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Apetorgbor, V. K.** & Lodigiani, E. My Sheep hear my voice: The effect of papal speech on hate crime perpetration in Italy [draft in preparation]
- Apetorgbor, V. K.**, Brunello, G. & Lodigiani, E. Bullied or bullying into tracks? The effect of peer aggression on the choice of high school tracks in Italy [draft in preparation]

3. **Apetorgbor, V. K.** Kept poor by design? Colonial origins of Ghana's north-south divide
4. **Apetorgbor, V. K.** Internal migration and far-right voting in Northern Italy

SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS

1. **Difference-in-Differences: Recent Developments**, *UAB, Spain* Jun. 8 - 10, 2026
2. **Sustainability and Digitalisation in the Blue Economy**, *UniTS, Italy* Jul. 20 - 26, 2025
3. **Dynamic Structural Models for Policy Evaluation**, *BSE, Spain* Jun. 30 - Jul. 4, 2025
4. **Journals and Beyond**, *CICAP & UniPD, Asiago, Italy* Jun. 9 - 11, 2025
5. **Africa Training Workshop in Econometrics II**, *The Econometric Society* Dec. 3 - 6, 2024

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **10th Int. PhD Meeting in Economics**, *University of Macedonia, Greece* Jul. 10 - 11, 2026
2. **15th Doctoral Workshop in Applied Economics**, *UAB, Spain* Jun. 4 - 5, 2026
3. **Lisbon Econ. and Statistics of Education Conference**, *NSBE, Portugal* Jan. 22 - 23, 2026
4. **PNRR Spoke 3 Final Workshop**, *University of Napoli Parthenope, Italy* Jan. 15 - 16, 2026
5. **Int. Workshop on the Economics of Education**, *KU Leuven, Belgium* Nov. 14, 2025
6. **Health and Wellbeing of the Elderly and Migrants**, *UniPD, Italy* Sept. 15 - 16, 2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1. **Teaching Assistant**, *Wisconsin International University College, Ghana* Jan. 2017 - May 2019
 - Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Research Methods

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & DEVELOPMENT

1. **Graduate Research Intern**, *University of Padova, Italy* Oct. 2021 - Jan. 2022
 - Assisted in a research project by managing large datasets, including data cleaning and organisation using Stata
2. **Statistical Assistant**, *Cocoa Marketing Company (Ghana) Limited* Sept. 2019 - Aug. 2020
 - Prepared and submitted daily reports on warehouse cocoa bean stock, developing competence in statistical computation and deadline management
3. **Statistical Assistant**, *Electricity Company of Ghana Limited* Jun. - Aug. 2017 & 2018
 - Managed customer billing information and supported revenue mobilisation exercises

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

1. **Co-Founder and President**, *Economics Students' Association* Nov. 2017 - Nov. 2019
2. **Co-Founder and P.R.O.**, *Wizzy Student Tutors, WIUC, Ghana* Feb. 2018 - May 2019
3. **Assistant Secretary**, *National Service Personnel Association, Accra* Dec. 2019 - Aug. 2020
4. **Referee**, *SN Business & Economics; International Journal of Education Development; Financial Innovation; Social Sciences & Humanities Open*

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONOURS

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| 1. Ph.D. Scholarship , <i>National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR)</i> | <i>Oct. 2023 - Present</i> |
| 2. Doctoral Research Mobility Grant , <i>University of Padova, Italy</i> | <i>Feb. 2026 - Aug. 2026</i> |
| 3. Master's Degree Scholarship , <i>University of Verona, Italy</i> | <i>Oct. 2020 - Sept. 2022</i> |
| 4. Citation of Honour for Peer Tutoring , <i>SRC, WIUC, Ghana</i> | <i>Oct. 2020 - Sept. 2022</i> |
| 5. Member , <i>The Econometric Society</i> | <i>Jun. 2021 - Dec. 2025</i> |

SKILLS, LANGUAGES, HOBBIES

Programming Skills: L^AT_EX, Stata and R

Languages: English - Proficient; Italian - Intermediate (B1)

Hobbies: Music composition, jogging and teaching

REFEREES

Elisabetta Lodigiani

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