Maureen Asehtongha Fubara

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Education

- PhD., Comparative Political Science. University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. 2020 - April 2026
  - Dissertation: *Decentralized despotism: Subnational incumbents and electoral violence in Nigeria.*
  - Supervisory Committee: Prof. Ursula Daxecker (Supervisor), Dr. Abbey Steele (Co-Supervisor), and Dr. Julia Bader (Co-Supervisor)
- MSc., International Relations. Department of Political Science and International Relations, Covenant University, Ota, Ogun state, Nigeria. 2017 - 2019
- BA., International Studies and Diplomacy. Department of International Studies and Diplomacy. Benson Idahosa University, Benin, Edo, Nigeria. 2011 - 2015

Employment

Senior Lecturer April 2026 - present

Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam. Netherlands.

Doctoral Researcher 2020 - 2026

Elections, Violence, and Parties (EVaP) project, funded by the European Research Council (ERC). Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam. Netherlands.

Junior Lecturer 2025 - 2026

Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam. Netherlands

Graduate Teaching Assistant 2015 - 2016

Department of History. Emmanuel Alayande College of Education, Oyo state, Nigeria (Bachelors programme affiliated with the Ekiti State University).

Research Interests

Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Violence, Political Economy, and Contentious Politics.

Publications

Peer Review Journal Articles

- Fubara, M. (2025). Renting political violence: A political economy of rents, access and violence delegation. *Journal of Peace Research,* 62(5): 1514-1530.

Edited Review Articles

- Fubara M. (2025). Thug culture in Nigerian politics: the links between state governors, funding and violent armed groups. *The Conversation.*
- Fubara, M. (2023). Reconciling changing positionalities: Reflections from my fieldwork in Nigeria. *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research,* 21(1).

Working Papers

- Fubara Maureen., and Ursula Daxecker. (2026). Brokers, rents, and campaign strategies in Nigeria.

Field Research

- Fieldwork in Nigeria (Rivers, Lagos, Plateau, and Nasarawa states). 2022-2023
  - Conducted over 100 qualitative in-depth interviews with local politicians, journalists, civil society organization members, and party supporters.

Teaching

Postgraduate

- *Instructor of Record.* Imperial Politics: Decolonizing conflict narratives on the Global South. Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam. 2026
- *Instructor of Record.* Case-oriented research designs: Comparing systems, areas or issues. Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam. 2026

Undergraduate

- *Instructor of Record.* Structural Bargaining in International Conflict. Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam. 2026
- *Instructor of Record.* Structural Violence. Department of Child Development and Education, University of Amsterdam. 2026
- *Instructor of Record.* Diplomacy Lab. Department of Political Science, Amsterdam University College. 2025-2026
- *Instructor of Record.* Intra-State Conflict and Violence in a Globalized World. Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam. 2025-2026
- *Instructor of Record.* International Relations Theory and Practice. Department of Political Science, Amsterdam University College. 2025
- *Teaching Assistant.* Introduction to International Relations (IR). Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam. 2024
- *Teaching Assistant.* Introduction to Political Science Research (IPRES). Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam. 2024
- *Teaching Assistant.* Research Project 1 (RP1). Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam. 2023
- *Instructor of Record.* The Theory and Practice of Diplomacy. Department of History, Emmanuel Alayande College of Education. 2016

Conference and Workshop Presentations

- American Political Science Association (APSA) conference (Philadelphia, United States) 2024
- European Political Science Association (EPSA) conference (Cologne, Germany) 2024
- Network of European Peace Scientists (Dublin, Ireland) 2024
- Governance and Local Development (GLD) conference (Gothenburg, Sweden) 2024
- Conflict and Change PhD Workshop (London, United Kingdom) 2024
- EVaP workshop on African Politics (Amsterdam, Netherlands) 2023
- Publication Support Series (hosted by Prof. Sabine Carey, online) 2023

- Conflict Research Society (CRS) (London, United Kingdom). 2023
- American Political Science Association (APSA) (Los Angeles, United States) 2023
- Nigeria Conflict and Political Violence ACLED Data Workshop (Abuja, Nigeria) 2023
- EVaP Political Violence and Electoral Politics Workshop (Amsterdam, Netherlands) 2022
- American Political Society Association (APSA), Dissertation Workshop (Montréal, Canada) 2022
- Conflict Research Society Annual Conference (Belfast, United Kingdom). 2022
- Amsterdam Centre for Conflict Studies Workshop (Amsterdam, Netherlands) 2021

Training and certifications

- **Teaching and Learning Centre, University of Amsterdam** In view
  - Basiskwalificatie Onderwijs (BKO), University Teaching Qualification
- **Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam** 2021-2023
  - Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
  - Causality in Quantitative Methods
  - Qualitative and Quantitative Research Designs
  - Academic Writing
- **CITI Program Course** 2021
  - Human Subject Research (Ethics training)
- **ECPR Virtual Winter School** 2021
  - Applied Regression Analysis: Estimation, Diagnostics, and Modelling
  - Introduction to Inferential Statistics

Service (Academic and Non-Academic)

- **Organization of Scientific Meetings**
  - Organizer, Workshop on New Research on African Politics (with Ursula Daxecker), Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam. 2023
  - Organizer, Workshop on Political Violence and Electoral Politics (with Prof. Ursula Daxecker, Dr. Neeraj Prasad, and Dr. Noyonika Das), Online Research Workshop. 2022
  - Organizer, Workshop on Elections and Violence: Actors, Targets, and Strategies (with Prof. Ursula Daxecker, Dr. Neeraj Prasad, and Dr.Noyonika Das), Online Research Workshop. 2021
- **Participation in Academic Community**
  - Committee member, Best Graduate Paper Award, African Politics Conference Group (with Dr. Dominika Koter, and Dr. Jesper George), American Political Science Association. 2026
  - Member, Amsterdam Centre for Conflict Studies, University of Amsterdam 2026
  - Member, Conflict Research Network, West Africa 2026

Honours and Awards

- Best graduate student, Department of Political Science, and the College of Leadership Development Studies, Covenant University. 2019
- Best undergraduate student, Department of International Studies and Diplomacy, Benson Idahosa University. 2012

Skills

- Stata, ArcGIS, and Atlas.ti

Other

- **Languages**
- English (fluent), Pidgin-English (fluent), Igbani (native)
- **Nationality**
- Nigerian

References

- **Prof.dr.,Ursula Daxecker** (ursula.daxecker@ips.mpg.de), Director, Political Institutions and Conflict, Max Planck Institute.
- **Dr. Abbey Steele** (a.a.steele@uva.nl), Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam.
- **Dr. Julia Bader** (j.bader2@uva.nl), Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam.

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