

# Dr. Anaïs Angelo

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**, History, European University Institute, 2016

**M.A.**, History, European University Institute, 2012

**M.A.**, International Relations, Doctoral School of Sciences Po Paris, 2010

**B.A.** Sciences Po Paris, 2009

**Visiting Student**, University of Michigan, 2008

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2022 - ongoing      **Elise Richter Fellow** (Senior Post-Doctoral Researcher). Project leader: “A history of African female parliamentary pioneers” in cooperation with the Department for African Studies, University of Vienna. Duration: 36 months.

2017 -2022      **Post-Doctoral researcher**, History, Institute for African Studies, University of Vienna (Four-year position).

2017 - 2018      **Researcher** – Diakonie (Flüchtlingsdienst / Department for asylum seekers, Vienna)

2017      **Academic researcher & editor** – Centre for Social Innovation (Vienna)

2017      **Intern** – Assistant for East Africa at Horizont 3000 (Vienna)

2012-2016      **Doctoral researcher** – European University Institute.  
Jury: Prof. Daniel Branch (University of Warwick); Prof. John Lonsdale (University of Cambridge); Prof. Dirk Moses (EUI/University of Sydney); Prof. Federico Romero (EUI).

2011 - 2016      **Freelance journalist** - [Africavivre.com](http://Africavivre.com)

## **PARENTAL LEAVES**

- August 2022- March 2023      Maternity leave (child born 23.09.2022)
- May 2018- July 2019      Maternity leave (child born 14.07.2018)

## **FELLOWSHIP AND PRIZES**

- 2022      Elise Richter Fellowship, funded by the Austrian Science Fund, Project number V 872-G “A History of African Female Parliamentary Pioneers”.
- 2020      Supportive Grant for Innovative Teaching, University of Vienna.
- 2020      Photographic competition ““My Research in one Picture’ Photo Competition - Home Office Edition”” organized by the University of Vienna.
- 2019      Photographic competition organized by the Institute for African Studies, University of Hamburg.
- 2012-2016      Fully funded Ph.D. position, European University Institute.
- 2012-2016      Three travel grants, European University Institute.
- 2010-2012      ZELLIDJA Scholarship attributed by the French Academy to finance research fieldworks in Kenya and Senegal.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Vienna, Department of African Studies**

- “Current Research Trends and Concepts in African Studies (Top 10 Themes in African studies)” (Master, Sommer 2022)
- “Wissenschaftsgeschichte.Wissen über\*in\*mit\* "Afrika": reflektieren, produzieren, reflektieren“ (Bachelor, Sommer 2022)
- “Lockdowns: Repression, detention and punishment in colonial African history” (master, Winter 2021)
- “Bachelorseminar afrikanische Geschichte und Gesellschaft: Politik und Lebensgeschichte”

(Bachelor, Winter 2021)

“Vertiefung afrikanische Geschichtswissenschaft: Vergangenheit interpretieren & Geschichte schreiben” (Bachelor, Spring 2020)

“Gender in African political history” (Master, Winter 2020)

“African women in politics: past and present” (Master, Spring 2020)

“Leadership in Sub-Saharan African countries: past and present” (Master, Winter 2019)

“African Presidents unveiled: the origins of presidentialism” (Master, Spring 2020)

“Generation, Gender und Politik in der Zeitgeschichte Afrikas” (Bachelor, Spring 2018)

### **Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg, Department of Gender Studies**

“Doing gender in African contexts” (Master, Winter 2021)

### **Evangelische Studienwerk, Villigst**

“Die politische Macht afrikanischen Frauen,” Summer School, Evangelisches Studienwerk e.V. (1-6 August 2022)

**Teaching languages:** English, German, French.

### **SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEMBER**

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| 2023 | Supervision of Sabrina Raff’s master thesis “Peacebuilding oder state-building?! Inwieweit beeinflusste die Agenda Museveni den Wiederaufbau Nordugandas nach dem 20-jährigen Bürgerkrieg? (Department of Development Studies). |
| 2021 | Supervision of Michaela Frauwallner’s master thesis “Multimodale Zugänge zu Afrikanischer Geschichte: Graphic Histories aus und über Afrika“ (Department of African Studies)  |
| 2022 | Supervision of Janne Wanner’s master thesis “Protesting from Home: Women* Resistance in Contemporary Nigeria” (Department of Global Studies).   |
| 2022 | Supervision of Madeleine Bebe’s master thesis "Kenyan land rights in light of legal pluralism : an analysis of the case 'African Commission on Human and Peoples' rights v. Kenya'" (Department of African Studies).            |
| 2020 | Supervision of Mara Elena Zöllner’s master thesis “Quid Pro Quo? Development, Security and Migration Policies between the EU and Libya.” (Department of Global Studies).  |

2019 Examiner of Carolina Ripoll Schwendinger’s master thesis “French and Muslim Law in Colonial Senegal: The Establishment of the French and Muslim Judicial Systems and their Jurisdiction in the Quatre Communes.”

## RESEARCH

### Research experience

May 2023 Academic Visitor, African Studies Center, University of Oxford. Archival research in the Bodleian Library.

July 2019 Visiting researcher, British Institute of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya. Archival research in the Kenyan National Archives, the Daily Nation Library. Conducted interview with former female politicians.

Sept.-Nov. 2015 Visiting researcher, British Institute of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya. Archival research in the Kenyan National Archives. Interviews with former politicians and former freedom fighters.

Mar.-Jun. 2014 Visiting researcher, French Institute of Research in Africa, Nairobi. Archival research in the Kenyan National Archives

Jul.-Aug. 2013 Archival research in the United Kingdom. British National Archives, Kew; Durham University, Durham; Bodleian Library, Oxford.

Apr.-May 2013 Archival research in the French National Archives, Paris, France

Feb.-May 2012 Independent research fieldwork in Dakar in affiliation with CERI-Sciences Po Paris and the Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal. Archival research and interviews with former politicians.

Sept.-Dec. 2011 Independent research fieldwork in Nairobi in affiliation with CERI-Sciences Po Paris and the French Institute of Research in Africa, Nairobi. Archival research and interviews with former politicians.

### Research interests

Modern political history, colonial and postcolonial history, global and imperial history

Women’s political history, African women political history, postcolonial gender studies, intellectual and political quotas for women

History of state formation

Biography and auto-biography writing

Methodology of historical research (primary sources and fieldwork in Western and African contexts)

## **SERVICE**

### **Professional**

- 2021 - ongoing      Revue d'Histoire Contemporaine de l'Afrique. Co-manager of the section on Sources, Fieldwork and Contexts.
- 2019-2023      Stichproben: Vienna Journal of African Studies (2019-2023; co-manager from 2021 to 2023)

### **External Reviewer**

African Identities

Cambridge University Press

Women's History Review

Oxford University Press

### **University**

- 2023-2024      Co-Organizer of the U:Africa Talks of the Department of African Studies, University of Vienna.
- 2020-2022      Founder and organizer of the online working group "The Power of Sources in African Studies"
- 2020-2022      Elected representative of "Mittlebau" ("Middle section") scholars (covering all postdoctoral and senior lectureship positions) for the Faculty of Philology, University of Vienna and for the department of African studies, University of Vienna.
- 2020              Expert report on Kenyan ethnic groups submitted on the request of the Commission for Equal Treatment (Senates II der Gleichbehandlungskommission), University of Vienna.
- 2018-2020      Substitute member for mid-level faculty members – representing the Department for African Studies

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Junge Akademie – Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften / Young Academy, Austrian Academy of Sciences (elected in May 2022 for a duration of 8 years)

British Institute of Eastern Africa (Nairobi)

Institut Français de Recherche en Afrique – IFRA (Nairobi)

## **TRAININGS AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2023-2024 postdoc:muv. Mentoring Programm for Female Post-Doc Researchers at the University of Vienna (competitive programm) (University of Vienna)
- 2023 Media Training. “Interview- und Kameratraining für die Junge Akademie der ÖAW” (Austrian Academy of Science)
- 2023 Designing.Events: How to Plan a Successful Scientific Conference (University of Vienna)
- 2023 Digital Accessibility/Barrierefreiheit prüfen mit axe Monitor (University of Vienna)
- 2020 Writing Grants and Funding Applications (University of Vienna)
- 2020 Teaching Competence: Teaching Methods and Techniques: Discover the Variety (University of Vienna)
- 2020 Teaching Competence: Den Prozess der Masterarbeit in der Betreuung erfolgreich begleiten" (“Teaching Competence: successful supervision of master dissertation”) (University of Vienna)
- 2018 Researching Country of Origin Information (COI), Austrian Red Cross / Austrian Center for Country of Origin and Asylum Research and Documentation.
- 2016 Teaching Training Certificate, European University Institute.

## **SELECTION FOR TENURED POSITIONS**

- 2022 Final top 4 – Tenure Track Professorship – Department of History, University of Montreal.

## **LANGUAGES**

**French:** native

**English:** near-native (TOEFL 2007; IELTS 2010)

**German:** near native (Certificate from the Language Centre of the University of Vienna, February 2017: C1; since then continuous progress)

**Italian:** intermediate (B1)

**Swahili:** basic communication skills (A1)

**Publications**  
**Research dissemination**  
**Conference participation & organisation**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

- In progress      *Twenty-Five Women Who Shaped Modern Africa*, co-edition with Assoc. Prof. Pheobe Musandu. Commissioned by Routledge, Book Serie “Twenty Five Women Who Shaped...”.
- 2021; 2023      *The Politics of Biography in Africa: Borders, Margins and Alternative Histories of Power*. Edited volume. Routledge Studies on Gender and Sexuality in Africa. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003133452>
- 2019; 2020      *Power and the Presidency in Kenya: The Jomo Kenyatta Years*. Cambridge University Press. (2019: Hardback; 2020: Paperback) <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108625166>

**Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters**

- 2024  
(planned for December)      Special issue on “*African women’s fighting for parliamentary powers: Historical insights*” to be published with *The Journal of Parliaments, Estates and Representation*.
- 2023      “Changing the narrative and gendering Kenyan political history: Jael Mbogo's fight for parliamentary elections in the 1960s,” *Women's History Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09612025.2023.2208411>
- 2023      “Landscape of Colonial Detention Sites”. Commissioned by Oxford University Press for the Oxford Encyclopedia of African History. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277734.013.1266>
- 2022      “Women in Philosophy (African Feminist Philosophy).” Commissioned by Oxford University Press for the Oxford Encyclopedia of African Women History. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277734.013.500>
- 2022      “Presidential Powers in Postcolonial Africa Deserve Historical Attention.” *History in Africa*. 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.1017/hia.2021.18>
- 2022      “Wangari Maathai” in *Women Who Changed the World: Their Lives, Challenges, and Accomplishments through History*, ed. by Candice Goucher (ABC-Clio).



- 2020 “Kenyan Political Autobiographies and the Revival of a Masculine Authority” in *Gender & Authority across Disciplines, Space and Times*, ed. by Adele Bardazzi and Alberica Bazzoni (London: Palgrave MacMillan), 59-83.
- 2017 Jomo Kenyatta and the Repression of the “Last” Mau Mau Leaders, 1961-65,” *Journal of Eastern African Studies* 11 no. 3, 442-459.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17531055.2017.1354521>

### Non peer-reviewed articles

- 2023 Postcard 13.2 "Working with African Political Autobiographies." In Phillips, R. & Johns, J. (Eds) *Fieldwork for Social Research* (London: Sage), 217.
- 2016 “Becoming Minister for Lands: Jackson Angaine and Meru politics (1961-1963)” *Mambo!* (Journal of the French Institute of Research in Africa), 30 May 2016. Available at <https://mambo.hypotheses.org/963>.
- 2015 “Virtues For All, State For No One?: Jomo Kenyatta's Postcolonial Political Imagination.” In Arno Sonderegger (ed.) *African Thoughts on Colonial and Neo-Colonial Worlds: Facets of an Intellectual History of Africa* (Berlin: Neofelis Verlag, 2015), 67-86.

### Book Reviews

- 2021 *Authoritarian Africa* by Nic Cheeseman and Jonathan Fischer (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019). *Revue d'Histoire Contemporaine de l'Afrique*.
- 2020 *Seeing Like a Citizen: Decolonization, Development, and the Making of Kenya, 1945-1980* by Kara Moskowitz (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2020). *Journal of Eastern African Studies*.
- 2015 Review of *Figures de la Révolution Africaine. De Kenyatta à Sankara*, by Saïd Bouamama. *Afrique Contemporaine* 4: 198-200.
- 2015 Review of *Human Rights in the Shadow of Colonial Violence: the Wars of Independence in Kenya and Algeria*. *European Review of History: Revue Européenne d'Histoire* 21,5: 773-776.
- 2014 Review of Mama Keita ‘L’Absence.’ *African Studies Review* 57,3: 251-252.
- 2014 Review of Haroun Mahamat-Saleh, dir. *Grigris*. *African Studies Review* 57,1: 229-231.

2013                    Review of Ton van Zantvoort 'A Blooming Business.' *African Studies Review* 56,3: 257-258.

### Public Scholarship

2023                    with Catheline Bosibori Nyabwengi, "Mama Ngina Kenyatta at 90: the quiet power behind Kenya's famous political family", *The Conversation*, 15 June.

2023                    "Der politische Kampf von Parlamentarierinnen in Afrika" Der Standard – Blog der Junge Akademie, 17 May.

2021                    "The Best Books on African Presidents and their History," Discover the Best Books, [www.shepherd.com](http://www.shepherd.com), July 2021.

July 2021              Book presentation "Power and the Presidency in Kenya" by the lecture series *Erlesenes Erforschen* organized by the Library of the University of Vienna, 5 Mai.

2020                    "Wangari Maathai: Global fame, National Battles, Ambivalent Legacy," Blog post for [East Africa's Global Lives](http://EastAfrica'sGlobalLives.com).

2020                    "#Bookclub: Power and the Presidency in Kenya," Blog post for Democracy in Africa, 8 August.  
Republished as "African Presidents Have Been Wrongly Stereotyped. What We Can Learn From Kenya," *The Conversation Africa*, 18 August.

2020                    "Why Kenya's Mau Mau Gave Up their Fight," *The Conversation*, 12 February.

2019                    "African Presidents Have a History Too," Cambridge Core Blog, 10 October.

2018                    *Tribune* ("En politique, les femmes demeurent aussi craintes que courtisées") *Le Monde Afrique*, 5 Novembre.

2017                    "Grace Mugabe, Quand la Première Dame Oscille entre Politique et Symbolique," *Theconversation.fr*, 14 December.

2017                    „Die Grenzen des Patriarchats. Frauen und die Parlamentswahlen in Kenia“ in *Frauen Solidarität*, Nr. 142 (4/17).

2017                    "Femmes Politiques Africaines," *Theconversation.fr*, 16 August.

2017                    "Famille et Politique : Donald Trump Est-Il (Vraiment) le 'Premier Président Africain des États-Unis'?" *The Conversation Africa*, 20 January.  
Republished as "Donald Trump Est-Il le Plus Africain des Présidents Américains ?," *Le Monde*, 20 January.

- 2016 “Neue Schwäche und Alte Probleme für Afrikas Parlamente.” Nord Süd Dialog, Newsletter n.41, 6.
- 2016 “Mai 68, Senghor et ‘Con-Bandit’.” *TheConversation.fr*, 23 Mai.
- 2016 “Fanon est Mort. L’Avons-Nous Tué ? Achille Mbembe Explore les ‘Politiques de l’Inimitié’.” *EUI Blogs*, Juli.
- 2011 with Clarisse Juompan-Yakam. “Sciences-Po, dans la Fabrique des Elites.” *Jeune Afrique*, 14-27 August 2011.
- 2011 “L’Expatriation Universitaire à l’Heure de la Mondialisation.” Note n°82, Fondation Jean Jaurès (Think Tank).

## INTERVIEWS

- 2022 “Kenias Politik ohne koloniale Brille,” *Die Presse*, 25 February 2022.
- 2020 “Kenianische Feminismen aus historischer Perspektive,” *Globale Dialog – Women on air, Radio Orange*, 22 December 2020.
- 2020 “Power and the Presidency in Kenya” Interview for the New Books Network with Prof. Susan Tompson. 23 September.
- 2020 “Wie Forschung während der Ausgangsbeschränkungen aussieht,” *Schrödingerskatze*, 7 June 2020
- 2018 “La forte présence des femmes dans les Parlements africains n’est pas une garantie de changement”, *Le Monde Afrique*, 28 November.
- 2018 “Frauen, Politik und Parlamentarismus im südlichen Afrika”, *Welt im Ohr, Oe1 Campus*, 8 June 2018.
- 2018 “Dans le Top 20 en Politique”, Anne-Lise Carlo, *CB News Mag* (Numéro spécial Afrique “L’Avenir au Féminin”, Mai 2018, no. 67, p. 34-35.
- 2018 “Afrique du Sud : un nouveau président pour un pays fracturé“, Philippe Martinat, *Le Parisien*, 15 February.
- 2018 “Afrique du Sud : un nouveau président pour un pays fracturé“, Philippe Martinat, *Le Parisien*, 15 February.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 15-19 January 2024 (invited) “Reading African feminist philosophy to write the political history of women in Africa,” *Actualité de la philosophie africaine*, Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès/Sciences Po.

- 4-7 January 2024 “Parliamentary Pioneers: An Overview of the First African Female Members of Parliament in the 1960s”, American History Association Annual Meeting 2024 (4-7 January) in San Francisco
- 10 November 2023 “Feminising Whiteness, reinventing empire: female colonial administrators in British African colonies in the 1950s,” 17. Workshop des Forschungsschwerpunkts Frauen- und Geschlechtergeschichte der Historisch-Kulturwissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Universität Wien.
- 2022 (invited) “Jomo Kenyatta’s Political Imagination”, The Political Thought of the Philosopher Kings, Webinar, Ideas in African Politics network, 14 November. <https://democracyinafrica.org/the-political-thought-of-the-philosopher-kings/>
- 2022 (invited) Presentation of my research at the Departmental Research Seminar at the Department of History, University of Sheffield, 8 March.
- 2022 (invited) “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Archetypes of African presidents and their limits” Conference cycle “Afrika’ – Bilder, Diskurse, Stereotype. Zur Selbst- und Fremdrepräsentation eines Kontinents“ University of Salzburg and Department of African Studies, University of Vienna, 2 May..
- 2021 (invited) Participation to the workshop “Étudier les personnels politiques au nord et au sud du Sahara.” 3 September 2021, Sciences Po Bordeaux.
- 2021 “Decolonising and Africanizing the history of presidentialism in postcolonial African countries”, “Africa Challenges”, conference organized by the African Studies Association in Germany (VAD e.V.) in cooperation with the Centre for Interdisciplinary African Studies (ZIAF) at Goethe-University. Online. 7-11 June.
- 2021 (invited) “Erlesenes Erforschen (Online, live stream): Power and the Presidency in Kenya” Book presentation organized by the Library of the University of Vienna. 5 May, <https://bibliothek.univie.ac.at/events/014501.html>
- 2021 (invited) “Kenyan women and early postcolonial parliamentary politics.” Research Colloquium, Department of History, University of Bern.
- 2020 “Unless you come out, men will be in the House.” Gendering archival narratives to decolonize African women political history”. Paper to be presented at “Archiving, Recording and Representing Feminism: The Global History of Women’s Emancipation in the 20th Century” (Organized by partners from the Max Weber Stiftung India Branch Office, German Historical Institute

Washington DC, German Historical Institute Rome, Orient Institute Beirut) Online, 10-12 December.

- 2020 “Violent silences: Jael Mbogo’s forgotten campaign to the 1969 parliamentary elections in Kenya” Paper to be presented at the “Junges Forum. Thinking about violence in Africa through women’s experiences: vulnerability & subversion”, Center March Bloch, Berlin.
- 2020 The following conference where I was due to present organize a book presentation together with Ken Opalo was cancelled due to the Covid-19 crisis: African Studies Associations UK (September 2020).
- The following conference where I was due to present a paper in 2020 were reported to 2023: “African Challenges – Tagung 2020,” Verein für Afrikawissenschaften in Deutschland.
- 2019 “‘Try Anything But What You Ought To Be’ Wangari Maathai, Gender and Politics in Kenya”, Annual Conference of the Gender Studies Association Austria (ÖGGF), 7-11 November.
- 2018 “Of Dictators, Power and Women: Popular Representations of African Presidents and their Limits”, 4. Tagung des Netzwerks “Afrikaforschung in Österreich”, 19-20 April.
- 2016 “Défaire et Refaire les Héros Nationalistes après l’Indépendance: Jomo Kenyatta et la Répression Mau Mau au Kenya”, Séminaire de l’IMAF-Aix, Anthropologie et Histoire: Dialogues et Confrontations, 1 December.
- 2015 “Decolonization and the Making of a President: Perspectives on Jomo Kenyatta”, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 19-21 November.
- 2015 “Is the History of Decolonization and State Building (Necessarily) a History of the Centre?” Ph.D. Conference, British Institute of Eastern Africa, 30-31 October.
- 2014 “Jomo Kenyatta, la Famille et l’Etat: Une Généalogie Historique Commune?” 3e Rencontres des Études Africaines en France, Bordeaux. 30 June-3 July.
- 2014 “Jomo Kenyatta and Anthropology: From Science of Empire to Postcolonial Politics?” *Ideologies of Empire in the Modern World.* conference at the European University Institute, Florence. 8-10 January.
- 2013 “From Anthropology to Politics: Jomo Kenyatta’s Uses of the Concept of Civilization”, *New Directions in the Study of Civilizational Discourse*, workshop at the European University Institute, Florence. 6 December.

## ORGANISATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

- 6-7 June 2024 International conference “*Women and the history of state building in postcolonial African countries*”, University of Vienna. Event funded by the FWF and the City of Vienna.
- January 2024 Panel “*African women fighting for/in parliament: historical insights*”, American History Association Annual Meeting 2024 (4-7 January) in San Francisco.
- 18 October 2023 “Creating & teaching African history: the AEWTASS Project” (Advancing Equality within the Austrian School System). Discussion with Aquea Lamptey and Derek Roberts, at the occasion of the *Universitätsbibliothek Festival*, University of Vienna.
- 2020-2021 Working Group: “The Power of Sources in African Studies.” Regular meetings and discussion; organization of public events.