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SUMMARY

Bulelani Jili is a Meta Research Ph.D. Fellow at Harvard University. His research interests include Africa-China relations; Cybersecurity; ICT development; African Political Economy; Internet Policy; Chinese Business Law; Law and Development; and Privacy Law. He is also a Visiting Fellow at Yale Law School; Fellow at the Atlantic Council; Cybersecurity Fellow at the Belfer Center; and is conducting research with the China, Law, Development project at Oxford University. The project, funded by the European Research Council, is a 5-year, interdisciplinary and multi-sited research project that aims to understand the nature of the order that underlies China's new globalism. He has also advised leading think tanks, governments, and watchdogs like the American Bar Association, Atlantic Council, Freedom House, UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, US state department, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

As a researcher of Africa-China relations, he was named by the *Mail & Guardian* as one of the most influential young South Africans. His writing has appeared in leading think tanks and publications around the world like *African Affairs*, *Nature*, *The Cambridge Handbook on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights*, *Culture, and Society*, *Mail & Guardian*, *Africa is a Country*, *The Elephant*, *South China Morning Post*, *African Center for Strategic Studies*, *Politico*, and *Financial Times*. He is also a regular panelist and speaker at international conferences.

He has received numerous prestigious awards, honors, and fellowships. This includes: the Wenner-Gren dissertation fieldwork fellowship, Meta Research PhD Fellowship, Google Public Policy Fellowship, Yenching Scholarship, Merit & Term-Time Research Fellowship, Standard Bank Africa Chairman's Scholarship Award, Oppenheimer Graduate Fellowship Fund, and Orrick Fellowship.

Mr. Jili serves as a committee member at IEEE standards association: global initiative on ethics of AI systems. At Harvard, he sits on the board of director and policy team member on the Harvard COVID-19 Taskforce Students vs Pandemics initiative; Faculty Representative and Department Representative and Funding Committee Member on the Graduate Student Council; Graduate Student Council Executive Board member (as at-Large representative for Interdisciplinary Programs); Contributing Editor at Society for Cultural Anthropology; Resident Tutor at Eliot House (Harvard College); Mentor in the Greener Scott Scholars Program.

Prior to attending Harvard, Mr. Jili worked at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, in South Africa, as a Visiting Researcher. He earned an M.Phil. from Cambridge University, where he studied as a Standard Bank Africa Chairman's Scholar. In 2016, he was awarded a Yenching Scholarship to study at the Yenching Academy of Peking University, where he received a M.A. in Economics. Studying with Prof. He Yafei, former Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Prof. Jiang Guo Hua, he studied Chinese global governance strategies and economic approaches. He took an A.B. *honors*, in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (College of Social Studies) from Wesleyan University (CT), where he was a Pfeiffer Scholar.

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D., *African Studies* (Secondary field: Science, Technology, and Society)

M.A., *Anthropology*

Committee: William P. Alford, (Chair) Daniel Agbibo, and Jean Comaroff

Passed Ph. D. general examinations with Excellence (highest honor awarded)

Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (2022)

Meta Research Fellowship (2022)

Oppenheimer Graduate Fellowship Fund (2020, 2021, and 2022)

University of Cambridge, Magdalene College

Cambridge, MA

August 2019 – Present

Cambridge, UK

MPhil., *African Studies (Subfield Politics)* October 2018
 Standard Bank Chairman's Scholarship: Full-Ride Scholarship (Magdalene College, 2017)
Peking University, Yenching Academy **Beijing, China**
M.A., Economics (Completed the two year master's degree within a year) *January 2018*
 Master's Thesis: 中国的创业教育:评价和改进 (*China's entrepreneurship education : evaluations and improvements*)
 Yenching Scholarship: Full-Ride Scholarship (2016)
Wesleyan University **Middletown, CT**
B.A., College of Social Studies (Politics, Philosophy, and Economics), with honors *May 2016*
Certificates (multidisciplinary minors): Social, Cultural, and Critical Theory & International Relations
 Honors Thesis: *We can scuttle or sail the seas*
 Pfeiffer Scholarship: Full-Ride Scholarship (2012)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Africa-China relations, ICT development, Cybersecurity; African Political Economy, Post-Colonial Thought, Internet Policy, AI Governance, Qualitative and Quantitative Methods

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Information Society Project, Yale Law School **New Haven, CT**
Visiting Fellow December 2021 – Present

- My research seeks to examine the legal consequences of the exportation of Chinese surveillance and governance technologies in Africa.
- Contribute to the ISP community by regularly attending ISP Ideas Lunches, the Fellows' Writing Workshop, and other ISP events.

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation **Washington, DC**
Google Policy Fellow April 2023 – Present

- Working with Nigel Corry at the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, I examined data governance, trade, and Chinese surveillance tools.

Digital Forensic Research Lab, The Atlantic Council **Washington, DC**
Fellow (non-residential) January 2022 – Present

- Develop, publish, and promote issue briefs and journal articles on the regulation of digital surveillance technologies in Africa.
- I aim to help policymakers better understand conflict in cyberspace, how to best defend against it across the ecosystem, and the current and emerging technologies our adversaries can exploit.

The Law and Technology Centre of The University of Hong Kong **Hong Kong, HK**
Visiting Fellow December 2022 – Present

- The research lends weight to an examination of the proliferation of Chinese surveillance tools as a dynamic multilateral process. It seeks to point out how African demand factors prompt the proliferation of surveillance technologies

Electronic Privacy Information Center **Washington, DC**
Scholar-in-residence April 2022 – October 2022

- I am currently working on an academic paper that explores the pushes and pulls of Chinese surveillance technologies in Africa.
- I also attend bi-weekly meetings with staff about the progress of my writing and have virtual lunch meetings once a month with EPIC staff.

China, Law, Development Project, Oxford University

Research Associate

Oxford, UK

May 2020 – *Present*

- Support the project's interdisciplinary research, which aims to understand the nature of order that underlies China's new globalism, an order that has multiple sources, one of which is law.

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Teaching Fellow (Certificate of Distinction in Teaching Award)

Fall 2021

- I taught GENED 1011: Contemporary Developing Countries: Entrepreneurial Solutions to Intractable Problems (taught with Prof. Khanna)
- I taught AFRAMER 209A: Africa Rising? New African Economies, Cultures, and Their Global Implications (Co-Taught with Jean Comaroff)
- I taught GENED 1068: The United States & China (taught with Prof. Kirby) *Spring 2022*

Eliot House, Harvard College

Cambridge, MA

Resident Tutor (Fellowships & Race Relations)

2020 – Present

- As a tutor, I play multiple roles within the House. I am chiefly responsible for nominating (Rhodes, Marshall, and Schwarzman) and supporting students who win prizes and fellowships while they are here at Harvard.
- I run and host events that help advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging at Eliot House.

STUDENT ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Advising and Mentorship at Harvard: I supported students in selecting courses, concentrations (majors), thesis projects, and academic work more broadly.

Undergraduate Students: Joseph Alexander (A.B. candidate in Government); Larson Avery (A.B. candidate in Government); Annabel Baxter (A.B. candidate in Social Studies); Stephanie Lin (A.B. candidate in Applied Math) Jorge Ruiz (A.B. candidate in Economics); Charlie Steinbaum A.B. candidate in Economics)

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

IEEE Standards Association: Global Initiative on Ethics of AI Systems

Piscataway, NJ

Committee Member

August 2022 – *Present*

- The IEEE Standards Association (IEEE SA) is a leading consensus-building body that develops and advances global technologies. Crucially, the Global Initiative on Ethics of AI Systems committee focuses on ensuring that all stakeholders involved in the design and development of autonomous and intelligent systems are educated, trained, and empowered to prioritize ethical considerations so digital technologies are promoted for the benefit of humanity.

Fingo Limited Africa

Nairobi, KE

Content and Research Specialist

April 2023 – *Present*

- A partner of Ecobank, the leading independent pan-African bank, Fingo is a digital bank committed to revolutionizing financial services across Africa. In my role, I offer the executive team advise on how to go about creating and curating various public content,

including articles and blog posts, and other media, while effectively telling the story of Fingo's impact in creating wealth for young Africans.

Harvard COVID-19 Taskforce Students vs Pandemics initiative

Cambridge, MA

Internal Affairs Committee

March 2020 – Sept. 2020

- Worked with the internal affairs team, Board of Directors, which is responsible for the overall governance of the group. I was primarily responsible for leading and putting together a committee which directed the writing and implication of the code of conduct, bylaws, and orientation program.
- Designed, coordinated, and conducted research on a policy memorandum covering economic relief strategies. Namely, supporting State Senator Eric Lesser and his staff, I collected documents and compiled data from various sources (government, think-tanks, non-profits, newspapers) on the state of Ohio, Kentucky, Connecticut, and West Virginia.

Graduate Student Council, Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

At-Large representative for Interdisciplinary Programs

April. 2020 – June 2021

Department Representative

Sept. 2019 – May. 2020

- To serve as the official representative of the student body to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) at Harvard University.
- Help manage a \$160000-dollar budget, which is responsible for awarding funds to student organizations, research projects, and conferences.
- To organize, promote, and assist Graduate Student Groups and Departmental Graduate Student Organizations.

Standard Bank Africa Chairman's Scholarship Network

Johannesburg, SA

Vice President

October 2019 – Sept. 2020

Global coordinator

Jan. 2019 – Oct. 2019

- Design the yearly strategy with the support and input of executive committee members.
- Communicate elements of the strategy to the committee, the alumni body, and Standard Bank.
- Work with other committee members to setup the means to execute committee goals for the year, which includes the annual conference that is budgeted at \$200000 and the end of the year report.

HONORS, RESEARCH AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2023. Google Public Policy Fellow: \$7500 offered to individuals working on technology policy who will work with public interest organizations at the forefront of debates on tech policy issues. (4/2023)

2023. Brady-Johnson Fellowship, Yale: \$36000 award is given to outstanding advanced doctoral candidates to Yale University for a year in residence at the International Security Studies at the Jackson School of Global Affair. (4/2023) (*declines offer*)

2022. Meta Research PhD Fellowship Award, Meta: I am one of two inaugural fellows in the area of Technology Policy Research. I received an \$84000 research award designed to encourage promising young scholars who are engaged in innovative and relevant research in areas related to computer science, engineering, and technology policy. (2/2022)

2022. Wenner-Gren Foundation: \$20000 award to conduct dissertation fieldwork. The award supports research that demonstrates a significant means to contribute to anthropological

debates. It is considered one of the most prestigious awards for a young scholar in the field. (4/2022)

2022. New America National Fellowship (finalist): \$15000 award that also comes with media support and opportunities to amplify the message of the work. (4/2022)

2022. Foresight Fellowship: award that offers participants is a one-year program committed to giving change-makers the support to accelerate their bold ideas into the future. (11/2022)

2022. Africa Cyber Defense Fellowship: The fellowship program offers an opportunity to conduct research across Africa in the areas of cyber defense and security. (10/2022)

2022. EPIC Fellowship: \$12000 award given to a scholar in residence who will support academic research on cybersecurity risks and privacy. (6/2012)

2022. Harvard Law School, Institute for Global Law and Policy: The Global Scholars Academy with the IGLP is an intensive residential experience designed to enable junior faculty and post-doctoral scholars to engage in sustained, interdisciplinary, peer-to-peer collaboration under the close mentorship of research faculty drawn from the world's top universities. (10/2022)

2022. Merit & Term-Time Research Fellowship, Harvard: \$42363 award given to outstanding students of the highest caliber nominated by their academic department. (3/2022)

2022. Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard: \$30 000 fellowship for travel and study in Kenya and Ethiopia during academic year 2022-2023. (4/2022) (*I declined this offer.*)

2022. Oppenheimer Graduate Fellowship Fund, Harvard: \$54000 fellowship is awarded to graduate students whose research focuses on the study of aspects of sub-Saharan Africa. (2/2020; 2/2021; 2/2022)

2022. Graduate Student Associates Program, Weatherhead Center: a highly selective award that offers \$3,000 for conference and short-term research travel or for other expenses related to dissertation research and professional development. I was also awarded office space and a critical community. (3/ 2022)

2022. Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard: is an award given to instructors who have exemplified excellence in teaching. I received a rating of 5/5 for my teaching. (Fall 2022; Spring 2022)

2021. Harvard Law School, Orrick Fellowship: \$ 9623 research grant was awarded to conduct research on Africa-China relations. (11/2021)

2021. General Anthropology Division New Directions Award (American Anthropological Association): The award was given to *Field Insights* (myself as a Contributing Editor) to recognize work that presents anthropological perspectives to publics beyond the academy. (11/2021)

- 2021. Alan Heimert and Arline Grimes Prize, Eliot House (Harvard College):** \$1000 award is given in recognition of extraordinary commitment to service and mentorship in the Eliot community. (11/ 2021)
- 2021. Pacific Forum Young Leaders Program:** selects the best and brightest young professionals and scholars devoted to Indo-Asia-Pacific affairs. The selection is a recognition of my expertise, demonstrated interest in international affairs. (12/2021)
- 2021. Merics Fellowship:** \$4700 MERICS is a leading European institution for policy oriented and innovative research on China. The fellowship is offered to emerging leaders in China from academia and think tanks. (7/2021)
- 2021. Mail and Guardian 200 Young South Africans 2021:** It is an award given by the Mail & Guardian to recognize the most influential 200 Young South Africans for the year. (6/2021)
- 2021. Cybersecurity Fellowship:** A fellowship with the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School as a Non-Resident Fellow in the Cyber Project. (3/2021)
- 2020. Julian Bond Research Travel Fund:** \$5000 travel research grant is awarded to students who are committed to intellectual rigor, moreover, conducting work on transnational reform movements. (5/ 2020)
- 2020. GSAS Summer School Tuition Fellowship:** \$6680 predissertation research fellowship for Harvard doctoral students in the social sciences to engage in language study (Chinese) at the Harvard Summer School. (5/2020)
- 2020. Laura Bassi Scholarship:** The award provides editorial assistance to graduate students whose research focuses on neglected subjects of study. I received a partial fee waiver set at twenty-five percent. (4/2020)
- 2018. Duke Corporate Education Certificate:** Certificate was awarded after completing work and exercises on strategy and leadership, which aim to develop models of change in business and politics. (9/2018)
- 2018. Harvard University (HPAIR) Conference Scholarship:** For excellent academic achievement and performance. And so, selected as a scholarship recipient for the 2018 Harvard Conference. (2/2018)
- 2017. Standard Bank Africa Chairman's Scholarship Award:** \$62000 scholarship awarded to academically outstanding African students pursuing an MPhil program at Cambridge, Oxford, and the LSE who wish to enhance and contribute to the future growth of Africa. (6/2017)
- 2017. Top Crowdfunding Campaign Award:** Raised 20000 RMB (\$2915) for a Beijing NGO (Plan C) dedicated to promoting civic education across China. (6/2017)

- 2016. Senior Legacy Award** (nominee): The Senior Legacy Award is presented to a graduating senior who has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout their entire tenure at Wesleyan University. (4/2016)
- 2016. Butterfield Prize** (nominee): This prize is awarded to the graduating senior who has exemplified character, leadership, intellectual commitment and concern for the Wesleyan community. (4/2016)
- 2016. Yenching Scholarship** Is an elite interdisciplinary graduate leadership program at the Yenching Academy of Peking University, China. The highly selective program provides full scholarship to study towards a master's degree. The scholarship is awarded to individuals who exemplify leadership and academic excellence. (2/2016)
- 2015. Davenport Scholarship:** \$4000 awarded to students who demonstrate intellectual and moral excellence, and a great concern for public affairs. (4/2015)
- 2015. Bridge Builder Award:** Awarded to Middletown Potluck (my organization) for excellent work done in strengthening the community. (4/2012 and 4/2015)
- 2015. Wesleyan Memorial Prize** (nominee): Awarded to a member of the Junior Class outstanding in qualities of character, leadership, and scholarship. (4/2015)
- 2015. Center for the Humanities fellow:** The fellowship is offered to students whose Honors thesis research demonstrates a high level of intellectual rigor, creativity, and meets the centers set theme. (4/2015)
- 2012. Pfeiffer Scholarship (Wesleyan):** \$250 000 scholarship granted to one student based on academic excellence and leadership achievement. (4/ 2012)
- 2011. United States Achiever Program Scholar:** Awarded to the nation's best students based on academic, service, and leadership excellence. (8/ 2011)
- 2010. EducationUSA opportunity program funding:** \$4000 grant is awarded to highly qualified students of very limited financial means with the cost of applying and getting to U.S. universities. (9/ 2010)

PUBLISHED WORK (*denotes equal authorship) (°future publication)

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2023. Jili, Bulelani.** "A Technological Fix: The Adoption of Chinese Public Security Systems." *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* (2022)
- 2022. Jili, Bulelani.** "Africa: regulate surveillance technologies and personal data." *Nature*. (2022): 445-448.

2022.* Skebba, Jacob, Ava Liu, Marco Germanao, and **Bulelani Jili**. “Digital Surveillance Trends and Chinese Influence in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic Asia.” *Asian Journal of Comparative Law* (2022): 1-31.

2022. **Jili, Bulelani**. “Chinese ICT and Smart City Initiatives in Kenya.” *Asia Policy* 17.3 (2022): 40-50.

2018. * Guo, Li and **Bulelani Jili**. “The emergence of guiding cases in China.” *Peking University Law Journal* 6.2 (2018): 273-281.

Book Chapter

2023. ° **Jili Bulelani**. *Forthcoming*. “The Cambridge Handbook on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights.” Cambridge University Press. Edited by Lorna McGregor.

2022. **Jili, Bulelani**. “The Spread of Chinese Surveillance Tools in Africa: A Focus on Ethiopia and Kenya.” *Africa–Europe Cooperation and Digital Transformation*. Routledge 32-49.

Book Reviews

2021. **Jili Bulelani**. 2021. China, Africa, and the future of the internet, *African Affairs*, Oxford, UK. Retrieved from, <https://doi-org.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/10.1093/afraf/adab011>

2021. **Jili, Bulelani**. 2021. Black Pain and Disentanglements, *Theory, Culture, and Society*, London UK. Retrieved from <https://www.theoryculturesociety.org/blog/review-achille-mbembe-out-of-the-dark-night?rq=mbembe>

Research and Policy Briefs

2023. **Jili, Bulelani, 2023**. “What is driving the adoption of Chinese surveillance technology in Africa.” *Atlantic Council Primer*, Washington, DC., May 2023. Retrieved from: <https://dfrlab.org/2023/05/15/africas-demand-for-and-adoption-of-chinese-surveillance-technology/#us-china>

2022. **Jili, Bulelani, 2022**. “China’s surveillance ecosystem & the global spread of its tools.” *Atlantic Council Primer*, Washington, DC., October 2022. Retrieved from <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/chinese-surveillance-ecosystem-and-the-global-spread-of-its-tools/>

2020. **Jili, Bulelani**. 2020. “Chinese Surveillance tools in Africa.” *China, Law, and Development Project of Oxford University*, Oxford, UK. Retrieved from <https://cld.web.ox.ac.uk/file/678231>
Featured in The Official Blog of Ambassador David H. Shinn, “Chinese surveillance tools in Africa,” August 2020.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (°denotes anticipated)

2023. **Jili, Bulelani**. *China’s Digital Authoritarianism and Transnational Repression: Mapping Threats, Policy and Advocacy Responses*. **Presentation** at RightsCon, Costa Rica, June 2023.

2023. Jili, Bulelani. *Mapping Our Global Digital Future: A Symposium on Examining Digital Harms & Pathways to Tech Governance*. **Presentation** at New America and Princeton University, Washington D.C., May 2023.
2022. Jili, Bulelani. *The Path Forward for Digital Regulation Across Africa*. **Presentation** at US Statement Department, U.S.-Africa Leaders' Summit (Science Track), Washington D.C., December 2022.
2022. Jili, Bulelani. *Acting responsibly in cyberspace*. **Presentation** at UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Wilton Park, West Sussex UK, November 2022.
2022. Jili, Bulelani. *AI Surveillance tools in Kenya*. **Presentation** at AI Policy Summit, ETH Zurich Center for Law and Economics, Zurich, Switzerland, October 2022.
2022. Jili, Bulelani. *African Pull Factors of Chinese Surveillance tools*. **Presentation** at Offensive Cyber Proliferation – Asymmetric Security Working Group at Cyber Statecraft Initiative, Washington D.C., October 2022.
2022. Jili, Bulelani. *China's Surveillance ecosystem and the global spread of its tools*. **Presentation** at Information Society Project, Yale Law School, New Haven, September 2022.
2022. Jili, Bulelani. *The Push and Pull factors of Chinese surveillance technologies*. **Presentation** at Embassy of the United States of America to Kenya, US State Department, Nairobi, June 2022.
2022. Jili, Bulelani. *Freedom of Expression Scholars*. **Discussant** at the Information Society, Yale Law School, New Haven, May 2022.
2022. Jili, Bulelani. *The Push and Pull factors of Chinese surveillance tools in the Global South*. **Presentation** at Hack the Capitol conference, Crowell & Moring LLP, DC, May 2022.
2022. Jili, Bulelani. *Understanding and countering China's tech-enhanced surveillance state: actionable insights for policymakers*. **Presentation** at MERICS and UK Government's Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office, Berlin, April 2022.
2022. Jili, Bulelani. *New Methods in Political Theory: Beyond & Between Analytic and Critical Approaches*. **Discussant** at Association for Global Political Thought, Harvard University, Cambridge, April 2022.
2022. Jili, Bulelani. *Digital Surveillance Products in Africa*. **Presentation** at the Information Society Project, Yale Law School, New Haven, March 2022.
2021. Jili, Bulelani. *The Africa-China Independent Working Group*. **Chair** at Habari Journal initiative, Washington DC, October 2021.
2021. Jili, Bulelani. *Harvard African Studies Workshop*. **Co-Host** at Centre for African studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, US September 2021.

2021. **Jili, Bulelani.** *The Human Rights Risks of Racial Recognition Technology.* **Panelist** at Center for strategic and International Studies, The Human Rights Initiative and Strategic Technologies Program, May 2021.
2021. **Jili, Bulelani.** *The proliferation of Chinese Surveillance technologies.* **Paper Presentation** at 2021 Law and Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 2021
2021. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Chinese surveillance tools in Africa.* **Presentation** at AI Now Institute, New York University, NY, US April 2021
2021. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Policy strategies to combat surveillance technology in Africa.* **Paper Presentation** at Freedom House: Tanzania Waters Group, D.C., US March 2021
2021. **Jili, Bulelani.** *The Spread of Surveillance Technology in Africa.* **Paper Presentation** at Human Rights Watch Workshop, D.C., U.S., February 2021
2020. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Our African Futures.* **Paper Presentation** at 2020 Standard Bank Chairman's Alumni Conference, South Africa, Johannesburg, December 2020
2020. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Chinese Surveillance tools in Africa.* **Paper Presentation** at the 2020 Young China Watchers Conference, London, UK, November 2020
2020. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Locating African Agency in Africa-China Relations.* **Paper presentation** at the 2020 China Africa Research Initiative Annual Conference at John Hopkins University, Washington, DC, USA, October 2020
2020. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Taking Stock of China's Security Strategy in Africa.* **Seminar presentation** at The Africa Center for Strategic Studies (a U.S. Department of Defense institution), August 2020
2020. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Law, Education, and Justice Research Working Group.* **Research Presentation** at Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, U.S., January 2020
2019. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Chinese Social Credit initiatives and African Surveillance States?* **Paper presentation** at the "Anthropology of Science and Technology Group" at Harvard University, Cambridge, USA, November 2019
2019. **Jili, Bulelani.** *The 5th Annual Meeting of the ID4Africa Movement.* The Johannesburg ID4Africa conference, Johannesburg, South Africa, June 2019.
2019. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Chinese Social Scoring and African Surveillance States.* **Paper Presentation** at the "Coming Out of Crisis Conference" at Wits University with the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, Johannesburg, South Africa, May 2019
2019. **Jili, Bulelani.** *The Chinese social Credit System.* **Paper Presentation** at the "Between Cyberutopia and Cyberphobia: The Humanities on the African continent in the Era of Machine Learning", Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, Johannesburg, South Africa, March 2019

2019. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Chinese social scoring and the exporting of authoritarianism?* **Paper Presentation** at the “FUTUREID3: Automated Decision-making” at Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, March 2019

2016. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Bridging China's Education Gap.* **Oral presentation** at the “Yenching Social Innovation Program”, Peking University, Beijing, China, December 2016.

2016. **Jili, Bulelani.** *China's Economic development and its global impact.* Oral presentation at the “Beijing Forum”, Beijing, China, November 2016.

INVITED TALKS, LECTURES, WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS (°denotes anticipated)

° 2023. **Jili, Bulelani.** “AI, data protection, privacy, and surveillance.” **Panelist** at Lawyers Hub and Cambridge University, Nairobi, Kenya, June 2023.

2023. **Jili, Bulelani.** “Rethinking Infrastructural Decision-Making in Difficult Circumstances: Contact Tracing and Beyond.” **Panelist** at EPFL, Nairobi, Kenya June 2023.

2023. **Jili, Bulelani.** “China’s Surveillance Ecosystem & The Global Spread of Its Tools.” **Talk** at Democracy Office of United States Agency for International Development, Nairobi, Kenya, May 2023.

2023. **Jili, Bulelani.** “Deep Dives: On dissent and surveillance in contemporary China.” **Panelist** at Network 20/20, New York, New York, May 2023.

2023. **Jili, Bulelani.** “Privacy, Ethics, and Civil Rights in AI.” **Panelist** at Atlantic Council GeoTech Center and U.S. Department of State, Nairobi, Kenya, April 2023.

2023. **Jili, Bulelani.** “What is Inclusive Digital Trade: Designing A Better Digital Future.” **Workshop** at Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC, April 2023.

2023. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Africa Futures Symposium.* **Panelist** at Lauder Africa Futures Symposium at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, April 2023.

2023. **Jili, Bulelani.** *A Technological Fix: The Adoption of Chinese Digital Surveillance Products in Africa.* **Lecture** at HKU Faculty of Law, Hong Kong, Hong Kong, March 2023.

2023. **Jili, Bulelani.** *The Proliferation of Public Security Systems.* **Talk** at **Institute for Global Policy and Law & Stellenbosch University**, Stellenbosch, SA, January 2023.

2023. **Jili, Bulelani.** *China’s Surveillance Ecosystem.* **Webinar Presentation** at **Meta Platforms, Inc.**, Menlo Park, CA, US. January 2023.

2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Offensive Cyber Proliferation from China.* **Talk** at the Global China Hub at Atlantic Council, DC, November 2022.

2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Offensive Cyber Proliferation – Asymmetric Security Working Group.* **Workshop** at the Atlantic Council, DC, October 2022

2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Chinese Surveillance tools in Africa.* **Lecture** at ETH Zurich Center for Law and Economics, Zurich, Switzerland, October 2022.
2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Chinese Surveillance Technology and Global Human Rights.* **Webinar Moderator** at Electronic Privacy Information Center, Washington D.C., July 2022.
(<https://epic.org/chinese-surveillance-technology-and-global-human-rights-webinar-recap/>)
2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Cybersecurity threats in Africa.* **Speaker** at Meta Fellowship Summit, September 2022.
2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Potential China-Africa Panel.* **Speaker** at Black China Caucus Association, September 2022.
2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Meet the Pros.* **Speaker** at Black China Caucus Association, June 2022.
2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Mass Surveillance and Human Rights.* **Speaker** at RightsCon 2022 with Access Now and Human Rights Watch, June 2022.
2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *The Spread of Chinese Surveillance technologies in Africa.* **Speaker** at UK Government's Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office, May 2022.
2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Migration Technologies and Human Rights.* **Speaker** at Center for strategic and International Studies, The Human Rights Initiative and Strategic Technologies Program, May 2022.
2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *China and the Global South.* Panelist. **Speaker** at Atlantic Council's Global China Hub and Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, IN February 2022
2022. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Agreeing and Operationalizing International Norms.* **Speaker** at Belfer Center at Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA January 2022.
2021. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Chinese engagement in African tech sectors.* **Speaker** at American Bar Association, Asia Division, Rule of Law Initiative, D.C., January 2021.
2021. **Jili, Bulelani.** *Chinese Surveillance in Africa.* **Speaker** at Mercator Institute for China studies, Berlin, December 2021.
2021. **Jili, Bulelani.** Susan Crawford, *Use of Technology Course*, **Speaker** at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA., March 2021.
2021. **Jili, Bulelani.** *The Spread of Surveillance Technology in Africa.* **Lecture** at Human Rights Watch Workshop, D.C., U.S., February 2021.
2020. **Jili, Bulelani.** Amb. Nick Burns, *Great Power Competition Course*, **Speaker** at Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA, October 2020.

2020. Jili, Bulelani. *Locating African Agency in Africa-China Relations.* **Lecture** at the 2020 China Africa Research Initiative Annual Conference at John Hopkins University, Washington, DC, USA, October 2020.

2019. Jili, Bulelani. *Chinese social scoring and the exporting of authoritarianism?* **Lecture** at the “FUTUREID3: Automated Decision making” at Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, March 2019

PUBLIC WRITING AND MEDIA COMMENTARY (*future publication*)

Selected Public Writing

2022. Jili, Bulelani. The Rise of Chinese Surveillance Technology in Africa Series, *Electronic Privacy Information Center*

2022. The Use of Black Faces in Facial Recognition Systems, May 2022.

2022. The Push Factors of China’s Domestic Surveillance Market, June 2022.

2022. China’s Intelligence Law and Zhong Lun declaration, July 2022.

2022. Safe City Initiative in Kenya, August 2022.

2022. Personal Data Vulnerabilities in Africa, September 2022.

2022. Regulatory Responses to the Spread of Surveillance Tools in Africa, October 2022.

2022. Jili, Bulelani. The Specter of Hobbes and Other White Men in African Anthropology. Member Voices, *Fieldsights*, April 2022.

2021. Jili, Bulelani. Africa Reacts to Biden’s First 100 Days in Office. *Center for Strategic and International Studies*, May 2021.

2020. Jili, Bulelani. The Spread of Surveillance Technology in Africa Stirs Security Concerns, *Africa Center for Strategic Studies*, December 2020.

2020. Jili, Bulelani. Locating African agency in Africa-China relations, *Africa is a Country*, April 2020.

2019. Jili, Bulelani. Tuning surveillance software with African faces, *Mail and Guardian*, July 2019.

Selected Media Appearances

2023. Ralph Jennings and Jevans Nyabiage. “China steps up African economic, trade ties to compete with US’ ‘game changing’ moves.” *South China Morning Post*, March 2023

2022. John Sakellariadis. "Is CISA stretched thin on critical infrastructure?" *Politico*, October 2022.

2022. Kenji Kawase and James Kynge. "Human brain cells on a chip make AI breakthrough", *Financial Times*, January 2022.

- 2022. Defense & Aerospace Report.** “China’s surveillance ecosystem and the global spread of its tools”. Defense & Aerospace Report, October 2022.
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- 2021. Jie Xi.** "China Expanding Influence in Africa Via Telecom Network Deals", *Voice of America*, August 2021.
- 2021. Jessie Jiang.** “中国电信网络布局非洲 政治影响力不断扩大”, *Voice of America*, August 2021.
- 2021. Into Africa Podcast.** “Making Sense of Chinese Tech”, *Center for Strategic and International Studies*, Jan. 2021
- 2019. The Beijing Hour.** “African Continental Free Trade Area”, *China Radio International*, July 2019
- 2017. The Point.** “How does the ‘uniqueness’ of ‘Chinese model’ work in its economy?”, *China Global Television Network, CCTV International*, October 2017
- 2017. BRICS 2017.** “Can BRICS stand the test of time?” *China Global Television Network, CCTV International*, September 2017 (South African Panel Expert)
- 2016. Dubé François.** Grooming Leaders, *Beijing Review*, October 2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: ADVISORY, LEADERSHIP, & CONSULTATIVE POSITIONS

Advice, UK government’s National Cyber Strategy 2022	2022
Advice, US Congress House Resolution on the US-Africa Leaders’ Summit	2022
Global Academic Network Scholar, Center for AI and Digital Policy	2022 – Present
Contributing Editor, Society for Cultural Anthropology (Member Voices)	2021 – Present
Book Reviewer, Theory, Culture & Society	2021 – Present
Member of Pacific Council on International Policy (<i>by invitation</i>)	2022 – Present
Member of Association for Global Political Thought, Harvard University (<i>by invitation</i>)	2021 – Present
The Black China Caucus (<i>by invitation</i>)	2020 – Present
Fellow, George H. W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations	2022 – Present
Collaborative Research Network: Technology, Law and Society Association	2020 – Present

Finley Award Committee, Eliot House at Harvard College	2020 – Present
Futures Fellow, Mercator Institute for China Studies	2021
Graduate Student Council Executive Board (as at-Large representative for Interdisciplinary Program)	2020 – 2021
Faculty Representative for the African and African American department	2020 – 2022
The Bright Leaders directory (<i>by nomination</i>)	2021
Board Member, Radcliffe Institute Student Advisory Board, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University	2019 – May 2020
Funding Committee Member, Graduate Student Council, Harvard University	2019 – May 2020
Department Representative, Department of African and African American Studies, Graduate Student Council, Harvard University	2019 – May 2020
Law, Education, and Justice Research Working Group Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University	2019 – May 2020

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

Visiting Fellow, African Centre for Technology Studies	Summer – 2023
Member of Africa Special Interest Group at Harvard Club of New York	Spring 2022
Member of National Security Group at Harvard Club of New York	Spring 2022
Designing Technology for Social Impact, Cornell University	Summer 2021
Harvard Summer School, Chinese Language, Harvard University	Summer 2020
Alumni Interviewer, Wesleyan Admission Office, Wesleyan University (CT)	2016 – 2020
Duke Corporate Education, Standard Bank Group	Summer 2018
Mentor, Yale Young African Scholars Program, Yale University	2017 – 2020
Mentor, Green Scholar Program, Harvard University	2019 - 2021
Visiting Researcher, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research	2019
School of Foreign Languages, Chinese Language, Peking University	2016-2018

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

IEEE Standards Association: Global Initiative on Ethics of AI Systems (U.S.)
Yenching Academy, Peking University (PR of China)
African Center for Technology Studies (Kenya)
Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (South Africa)
Member: American Anthropological Association (U.S.); Law and Society Association (U.S.) Foreign
Policy for America (U.S.) African Studies Association (ASA) (U.S.)

SKILLS

Languages: English (native), Zulu (native), Chinese (Conversant), Swahili (Basic)

Data Analysis: Proficiency in Stata, Microsoft Office Suite, and R

Field research & travel: China (2016, 2016, 2017, 2022) South Africa (2018, 2019, 2022, 2023)
Kenya (2021, 2022, 2023)

Workshops and Facilitation: Professional Communication Program (2019) Leadership Skills and
People Management (2018), Media and Press Training (2017)

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