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#### AT PRESENT

- **Center for Development Research (ZEF) / Bonn International Graduate School for Development Research (BIGS-DR)**  
Bonn, Germany  
**Position:** Junior Researcher (PhD Candidate)  
Since October 2021

#### EDUCATION

**University Stellenbosch**, South Africa

- **MA** Social Anthropology - 2019
- **BA Hons** Social Anthropology – *cum laude* 2013
- **BA** (Development & Environment) – 2011

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society & Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago**, Chicago, Illinois  
**Position:** Visiting Fellow and Senior Research Associate  
Since March 2021
- **Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago**, Chicago, Illinois  
**Position:** Institute Resident Fellow  
September 2018 – October 2020
- **Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Secretariat**, Cape Town, South Africa  
**Position:** Programme Officer: Data Management  
November 2013 – July 2018

Working at the intersection of organized community groups, researchers, technologists and software developers to develop and refine tools, methods and practices for community-driven knowledge production

- support SDI's entire data ecosystem, from community managed data collection and entering, to data platform management, analysis and data partnerships.
- technical and programmes support to the Know Your City Campaign
- support peer-peer learning and training exchanges around digital data gathering and reporting in 20 countries in Africa and Asia.

- **University Stellenbosch**, Stellenbosch, South Africa  
**Position:** Teaching Assistant and Academic Tutor  
Department Sociology and Social Anthropology  
Feb 2010 – June 2013  
**Position:** Academic Tutor

Department of Economics and Management Sciences  
Feb – December 2011  
Course: Economics 288 (2<sup>nd</sup> years)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont.)**

- **Stellenbosch Municipality**, Stellenbosch, South Africa  
Position: Intern  
Department: Informal Settlements Management  
Feb 2013 – October 2013

## **Working experience prior to starting University in 2009**

For the period between leaving school in 1996 and the end of 2008, I worked as an Au Pair (Germany 1997) and in various industries in Namibia, including marketing and advertising, hospitality and law. During this time, I held both entry level and management level positions.

## **LANGUAGES**

English, German and Afrikaans – proficient in speaking, reading and writing

## **RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS**

- poverty, populations and urban health
- community based knowledge production systems and practice
- digital data collection and literacy for young people in urban poor neighbourhoods
- urban science
- socio-cultural anthropology (cities, science and technology)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Soman, S., Beukes, A., Nederhood, C., Marchio, N. and Bettencourt, L. 2020. Worldwide Detection of Informal Settlements via Topological Analysis of Crowdsourced Digital Maps. International Journal of Geo-Information 9(11):685. DOI: [10.3390/ijgi9110685](https://doi.org/10.3390/ijgi9110685)

Lobo et al. 2019. 'Urban Science: Integrated Theory from First Cities to Sustainable Metropolises'. Available: DOI: [10.2139/ssrn.3526940](https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3526940)

Romero-Lankao et al. 2019. Urban Electrification: Knowledge Pathway Toward an Integrated Research and Development Agenda. Available: DOI: [10.2139/ssrn.3440283](https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3440283)

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