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### Short Biography

Born in Kakamega, Western region of Kenya, Dr. Steve Wakhu, joined the University of Embu in October 2016. He holds a Doctor of Social Science (Dr. rer. Pol, 2020), and a Master of Public Policy in International Conflict Studies and Conflict Management (MPP, 2014); both from the University of Erfurt in Germany. He studied his bachelors degree in Sociology and Economics at Moi University in Kenya (BA, 2003). His doctoral research 'Counterterrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa: Conditions for Human Rights' aimed to establish the minimum macro-social conditions necessary to facilitate or impede human rights in sub-Saharan Africa when governments respond to terrorism with counterterrorism policies. Dr. Wakhu is a double (2012, 2016) scholar of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)/Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst. Previously, he worked as a Consultant Sociologist for the Karamoja Water Harvesting Pilot Project funded and implemented by the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) within the Karamoja cluster in Kenya, Uganda,



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Ethiopia and South Sudan (2004) and as a Consultant Sociologist for the 'Supporting Community Projects in the Design and Implementation of Output Based Aid (OBA) project implemented by the Athi Water Services Board (AWSB) and funded by World Bank funded (2005). He also worked as the National Programme Manager (2015) for the Improvement of Prison and Probation Services program, a 3-year bilateral program between the governments of Kenya (Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government) and Sweden (Swedish Prison and Probation Service - SPPS).

## Research Interests

Crime, Criminal Justice, Armed Conflict, Peace, Security, Post-Conflict Reconstruction, Terrorism, Public Policy.

## Publications in Journals:

1. Yousaf, F., & Wakhu, S. (2020). Security in the 'Periphery 'of post-colonial states: analyzing Pakistan's 'tribal 'Pashtuns and Kenyan-Somalis. *Social Identities*, 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504630.2020.1776599>
2. Steve Wakhu (2020). Implications of The African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA) Treaty on African Union's Policies on The Symbiotic Relationship Between Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism. *African Journal on Terrorism*, 71 - 93. <http://caert.org.dz/Publications/Journal/June%202020.pdf>
3. Steve Wakhu (2017). Dynamics of Terrorism in Multi-Ethnic states in Sub-Saharan Africa. *African Journal for the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism*, 6(1), 103-126. <http://caert.org.dz/Publications/Journal/ACSRT%20Journal%20-2017%20Issue.pdf>

## Books/Book Chapters Published

1. Kemmerling, A., Richter, S., Robiatti, R, (eds.) *Populism and a New Age of International Fragility: Seeking Policy Innovations 40 Years After the Brandt Report*. Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt, 2020, pp. 53 - 75. [https://www.uni-erfurt.de/fileadmin/einrichtung/willy-brandt-school/Brandt\\_School\\_Documents/Kemmerling\\_\\_Richter\\_\\_and\\_Robiatti\\_-\\_Populism\\_and\\_a\\_New\\_Age\\_of\\_International\\_Fragility.pdf](https://www.uni-erfurt.de/fileadmin/einrichtung/willy-brandt-school/Brandt_School_Documents/Kemmerling__Richter__and_Robiatti_-_Populism_and_a_New_Age_of_International_Fragility.pdf)
2. Khaemba, S. (2020). *Terrorism and Conditions for Human Rights in Counter-terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Doctoral dissertation).



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3. Steve Wakhu (2012). Handbook on How to Write a Good Pre-sentence Report: A Practical Guide for Professionals Working in the Criminal Justice System. Saarbrücken. ISBN: 978-3-659-16184-1



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