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EDUCATION

2015:

PhD (Spatial Planning and Urban Development), KU Leuven, Belgium

2009:

Master of Human Settlements (Urbanism & Strategic Spatial Planning), KU Leuven, Belgium

2007:

Master of Science (Geoinformation Science and Earth Observation),
International Institute for
Geoinformation Science, ITC, The Netherlands

2004:

Bachelor of Arts (Urban & Regional Planning), Maseno University, Kenya

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Current research interests:

1. Property theory and planning practice
2. Urban informality and spatial (re)production in sub-Saharan Africa

Past research projects:

1. March 2011-February 2019: Research Programme - Do urban land commons contribute to foster urban inclusion? Kenya case study. Funded by Agence Française de Development, AFD/
Le CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE, CNRS.
2. March 2015 to date: Spatial justice and urban development: socio-spatial inclusion and exclusion in Kisumu. Funded by Mistra Urban Futures / Swedish Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research/SIDA/Kisumu Local Interaction Platform-KLIP.
3. May 2015 to July 2018: Consuming urban poverty: food systems planning and governance in Africa's secondary cities. Funded by African Centre for Cities/Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)/Department for International Development (DFID), UK/Kisumu Local Interaction Platform-KLIP.
4. September 2011 to December 2015: Informality as a Modality of Space

Production within
Kenya's Rapidly Transforming Cities Funded by IRO PhD Scholarships for
Developing Countries
at KU Leuven

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Nov. 2015 - present:

Lecturer, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

10-15 March 2019:

Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Architecture, Faculty of
Engineering Sciences University of Leuven, Belgium.

11-16 March 2018:

Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Architecture, Faculty of
Engineering Sciences, University of Leuven, Belgium.

24 Sept-20 Nov 2016:

Linneaus-Palme Visiting Fellow, Department of Architecture, Chalmers
University of Technology, Sweden.

Sept. - Nov. 2015:

Research Associate, Department of Architecture, University of Leuven,
Belgium.

May 2007 - Nov. 2015:

Assistant Lecturer, Department of Urban and Regional Planning

HONORS AND AWARDS

- IRO merit scholarship for PhD studies, KU Leuven (2011-2015)
- VLIR merit scholarship for Masters studies, KU Leuven, (2009-2010)
- Best thesis award, World Habitat Day, 2007 (The Hague, The Netherlands).
- Nuffic merit scholarship for Masters studies, ITC Enschede, (2005-2007)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Kenya Institute of Planners, KIP
- Member of the Environment Institute of Kenya, EIK
- Registered and Practicing Physical Planner, Physical Planners Registration Board, PPRB
- Registered Lead Expert (Environmental Impact Assessment and Auditing), National Environmental
- Management Authority, NEMA

SKILLS AND TRAINING

2019: CODESRIA Higher Education Policy Initiative Institute on "the role

of middle-level academics in
University Leadership", University of Ghana, Legon: 20-30 May.

2016: DIES ProGRANT Training on Proposal Writing for Research Grants,
University of Cologne,
Germany: 7 March-7 October.

2013: Sustainable Communities Training Workshop on Managing Urban Futures,
Aalto University, Finland:
12-22 March.

2012: Post-graduate certificate course on European Module on Spatial
Development Planning (EMSDP),
KU Leuven, Belgium: 5 March-11 May.

2011: Brown International Advanced Research Institute (BIARI) on
Development and Inequality in the
Global South, Brown University, Providence, RI, USA: June 4-18 June.

2011: OSSREA Research Methodology Training Workshop, Organisation for
Social Science Research in
Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: 2-18 May.

2010: Training Workshop on Participatory Approaches to Slum Upgrading and
Management
ITC/University of Twente, The Netherlands: 15-26 November.

2009:
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Nairobi, Kenya:
Certificate in
Environmental Impact Assessment and Auditing: 4-29 May.

2005: Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD),
Nairobi, Kenya: Certificate
in GIS and Remote Sensing Technology: 16-27 May.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

February 2016 to date: Chair, School Postgraduate Studies Committee, School
of Planning and
Architecture.

February 2016 to date: Board Member, School of Graduate Studies.

October 2019 to date: Coordinator, Teaching and Examinations Timetable,
Department of Urban and
Regional Planning.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2018: International Seminar on Land Issues and the Commons, AFD
Headquarters, Paris: 20-21

September.

2018: Doctoral Research Workshop on Consuming Urban Poverty Research, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa: 9-13 July.

2016: 17th N-AERUS Conference on 'Governing, planning and managing the city in an uncertain world. Comparative perspectives on everyday practices', Gothenburg, Sweden: 17-19 November.

2014: The XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan 13-19 July.

2013: The International Planning History Society (IPHS) Conference on 'Colonial and postcolonial urban planning in Africa'. Lisbon, 5-6 September.

2013: The ISA RC43 International Conference on 'At home in the housing market'. Amsterdam, 10-12 July.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal papers:

Wagah, G., Amimo, M. and Midheme, E. (2017) 'Spatial Marginalization and Urbanization of Poverty: The Impending Challenges of Spatial Exclusion of Informal traders in Kisumu City, Kenya', International Journal of Economics, Commerce and Management, 5(10) pp. 530-545.

Danso-Wiredu, E. and Midheme, E. (2017) 'Slum Upgrading in Developing Countries: Lessons from Ghana and Kenya', Ghana Journal of Geography 9(1), pp. 88-108.

Midheme, E. and Moulaert, F. (2013) 'Pushing back the frontiers of property: community land trusts and low-income housing in urban Kenya', Land Use Policy 35 pp. 73-84.

Midheme, E. (2013) '(Re)designing urban land tenure to meet housing needs of the poor: implementing community land trusts in urban Kenya', Planum: The Journal of Urbanism 1(26), pp. 1-12.

Book chapters:

Midheme, E. and Macharia, M. (2019) 'Learning from Community Dynamics in Kenya's 'Informal' Livelihood and Housing Strategies', in P. Van den Broeck, A. Mehmood, A. Paidakaki and C. Parra (eds.)

Social Innovation as Political Transformation. Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, US: Edward Elgar.

Midheme, E. (2013) 'Venturing off the beaten path: Social innovation and settlement upgrading in Voi, Kenya', in F. Moulaert, D. MacCallum, A. Mehmood and A. Hamdouch (eds). The International Handbook on Social Innovation: Collective Action, Social Learning and Transdisciplinary Research. Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, US: Edward Elgar.

Papers presented at International Conferences/Seminars:

Midheme, E. (2018). 'When the "community" in the CLT flounders: the test of sustained commoning in the Tanzania-Bondeni Community Land Trust, Kenya'. Paper presented at the International Seminar on Land Issues and the Commons at AFD Headquarters in Paris, 20-21 September 2018.

Midheme, E. (2018). Urban food systems as a determinant of urban structure: re-reading the Kisumu food foodscape. Paper presented at the PhD research workshop on Consuming Urban Poverty at the African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town. 9-13 July 2018.

Midheme, E. (2016). 'Urban informality and the production of space in Kisumu, Kenya'. Paper presented at the 17th N-AERUS Conference on 'Governing, planning and managing the city in an uncertain world. Comparative perspectives on everyday practices'. Gothenburg, 17-19 November 2016.

Midheme, E. (2014). 'Property, patrimony and territory: autochthony and the politics of migrant place-making in peri-urban Kisumu, Kenya'. Paper presented at the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology. Yokohama, Japan 13-19 July 2014.

Midheme, E. (2014). 'The mismatch between planning practice and 'actually existing urbanisms': Planning responses to the phenomenon of street trade in Kisumu, Kenya'. Paper presented at the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology. Yokohama, Japan 13-19 July 2014.

Midheme, E. (2013). 'Land tenure dynamics and the production of urban space in postcolonial Kisumu'. Paper presented at the International Planning History Society (IPHS) Conference on 'Colonial and postcolonial urban planning in Africa'. Lisbon, 5-6 September 2013.

Midheme, E. (2013). 'Spaces of contestation: socio-spatial exclusion and the emerging spaces of urban citizenship among street traders in Kisumu, Kenya'. Paper presented at the ISA RC21 International Conference on 'Resourceful cities'. Berlin, 29-31 August 2013.

Midheme, E. (2013). 'Socio-cultural implications of land tenure on housing market dynamics in peri-urban Kisumu, Kenya'. Paper presented at the ISA RC43 International Conference on 'At home in the housing market'. Amsterdam, 10-12 July 2013.

Midheme, E. (2012). 'Can community land trusts enhance urban land governance: insights from Kenya?'. Paper presented at the 13th N-AERUS Conference on 'The unequal city: contested spaces, governance in tension'. Paris, 22-24 November 2012.

Midheme, E. (2012). '(Re)designing urban land tenure to meet housing needs of the poor: implementing community land trusts in urban Kenya'. Paper presented at the International conference on 'Cities to be tamed: standards and alternatives in the transformation of the urban South'. Milan, 15-17 November, 2012.

