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#### Research Interests

- Impact of the Cold War on African Security
- International responses to the Liberian Civil War
- The role of women in peace and security issues in the West African sub-region