

## PROFILE

I am a South African Rhodes Scholar, Allan Gray Fellow, and DPhil (PhD) candidate in International Relations at the University of Oxford. I hold three degrees, have four years of award-winning experience at the highest levels of student leadership, and spent half a year working with the One South Africa Movement (now Build One South Africa), directly with the former Leader of the Opposition in South Africa, Mmusi Maimane. I strive to improve prospects for sustainable and inclusive development in Africa through my research into the politics of multinational energy cooperation, specifically looking at African states' cross-border trade in electricity via regional power pools. I have presented at multiple reputable energy conferences, including the Africa Energies Summit and the Africa Energy Forum's Youth Energy Summit (for which I serve on the Global Advisory Board).

## EDUCATION & RESEARCH

### DPhil in International Relations

2023-2025

*University of Oxford (Department of Politics & International Relations | St Catherine's College)*

Thesis topic: regional energy integration and African states' cross-border electricity trade via regional power pools

Supervisor: Prof Ricardo Soares de Oliveira

### MPhil in International Relations

2021-2023

*University of Oxford (Department of Politics & International Relations | University College)*

Graduated with merit, with distinctions in research methods and "Politics of Africa" courses

Thesis: "Regional Powers & Energy Integration: South Africa in the Southern African Power Pool"

Supervisor: Prof Ricardo Soares de Oliveira

### Bachelor of Social Science Honours in International Relations

2020

*University of Cape Town (Department of Political Studies)*

Graduated with distinction, with distinctions for all courses and thesis (78.43% GPA)

Thesis topic: "The Divergence between the African Union's Peace Mandate and the Interests of Its Member States"

Supervisor: Emeritus Prof John Akokpari

Class medals (top student in class): *International Political Economy*, *International Mediation*, and *Theories of IR* (3/4 classes)

### Bachelor of Commerce in Politics, Philosophy & Economics (PPE)

2017-2019

*University of Cape Town (School of Economics)*

Graduated top student in class, with distinction in Economics (78.33% GPA)

Class medals (top student in class): *South Africa Public Policy Analysis* and *Introduction to Information Systems*

Dean's Merit List every year and Golden Key International Honour Society

### National Senior Certificate (South Africa)

2012-2016

*Bishops Diocesan College, Cape Town, Western Cape*

First in grade, 8 distinctions, and 96% GPA

Top 20 students in the province

## SCHOLARSHIPS

St Catherine's College Graduate Scholarship (2023-)

Rhodes Scholarship (2021-)

Univ-Rhodes Trust Studentship (2021-2023)

Allan Gray Fellowship (2017-2020) (entrepreneurship programme)

Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (UCT) (2017-2019)

Provincial Education Department Merit List (2016)

## LANGUAGES

English (native)

French (10 years' study; 2-week exchange in France)

Spanish (3-month exchange in Argentina and Chile)

Afrikaans (6 years' study)

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

<b>Postgraduate Divisional Representative for the Social Sciences Division, Oxford</b>	2023
- Student representative sitting on the Division's senior committees ( <a href="#">list of committee membership</a> )	
- Also Course Representative for the MPhil in International Relations programme (2022-23)	
<b>Founding Secretary, Oxford <a href="#">Postgraduate Consultation Group</a> (PGCG)</b>	2022-23
- Group within Oxford Student's Union providing policy and consultative advice to University management	
<b>Residences &amp; Housing Coordinator, UCT <a href="#">Students' Representative Council</a> (SRC)</b>	2018-19
- Top student leadership body at UCT / student governance and advocacy / <a href="#">list of committee membership</a>	
<b>Secretary &amp; Management Committee, UCT <a href="#">Student Parliament</a></b>	2018-19
<b>Chairperson, UCT Academic Representatives' Council (ARC)</b>	2017-18
<b>Deputy Head Student, Leo Marquard Hall Residence, UCT</b>	2017-18
<b>Junior Councillor, <a href="#">Junior City Council of Cape Town</a></b>	2014-15
<b>Leadership awards:</b>	
- 2x UCTPlus Gold Leadership Awards	2018-19
- UCT Student Leadership Excellence Award	2018
- <a href="#">President's Award</a> Bronze, Silver and Gold Level Holder	2013-2016

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Research Assistant for <a href="#">Prof Karolina Milewicz</a></b>	<b>July 2022 - Nov 2022</b>
<i>University of Oxford/University of Bayreuth</i>	
More than 120 hours' work creating course syllabi and content for <i>Introduction to IR</i> and <i>Research Design</i> courses	
Teaching the <i>Critical Theory in IR</i> class (remotely to University of Bayreuth students)	
<b>Intern at the One South Africa Movement</b>	<b>April 2021 - Aug 2021</b>
<i>Now <a href="#">Build One South Africa</a></i>	
Worked underneath former Leader of the Opposition, Mmusi Maimane, in preparation for 2021 local government elections	
Columns and op-eds / speeches / electoral submissions / policy on education / municipal profiles	
Strategic advisory role / debate preparation / presenter on "Maimane Mondays" Twitter Spaces show	

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## CONFERENCES

<b>Speaker at Africa Energy Forum's <a href="#">Youth Energy Summit 2023</a></b>	<b>June 2023</b>
<i>Nairobi, Kenya</i>	
One of the largest annual gatherings of policymakers and investors in the African energy sector	
Moderated panel on public-private partnerships in the energy sector; panellist on student perspectives in the energy sector	
Appointed to the inaugural Global Advisory Board for the Summit	
Received EnergyNet Founder's Award for Youth Contributions to the Energy Sector	
<b>Speaker at <a href="#">Africa Energies Summit 2023</a></b>	<b>May 2023</b>
<i>London, United Kingdom</i>	
Renowned global conference featuring policymakers, industry leaders, and investors in the African energy sector	
Panellist on the topic, "Regional Energy Integration"	
<b>Best Delegation at <a href="#">Yale Model African Union 2022</a></b>	<b>May 2022</b>
<i>Kigali, Rwanda</i>	
Simulation of African Union committee debates, crafting solutions to Africa's most pressing issues	
Awarded Best Delegation	
<b>Best Delegation at <a href="#">"Change the World" Model United Nations 2020</a></b>	<b>June 2020</b>
<i>Virtual Conference</i>	
Largest international youth forum globally, simulating United Nations committee debates	
Awarded Best Delegation and Delegates' Award	
<b>Speaker at <a href="#">University of Cape Town Teaching &amp; Learning Conference 2018</a></b>	<b>July 2018</b>
<i>Cape Town, South Africa</i>	
Annual university conference on the themes of teaching and learning in higher education	
First-ever undergraduate presenter, co-presenting on the impact of student-staff interaction in leadership	