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Track P: Poverty, Social policy and Governance in Africa

SUB-TRACK P2: WEALTH CREATION AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY IN AFRICA

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Wealth creation and distribution are going hand-in-hand. However the dynamic of the private capital accumulation inevitably led to the wealth concentration in ever fewer hands in Africa. In addition, the forces of growth, competition and technological progress led to accentuate the wealth inequality. This track will be attempting to answer, what we really know about wealth and income distribution in Africa, in the event of twenty first century.

Biographies

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As educator, his area of teaching is public policy theories, Research Methods, economics for public policy analysis and applied quantitative analysis, globalization and development. His research interests are in the areas of peace economics, inequality and economic development. In addition, Ali is a member of editorial board for Defense and Peace Economics; Economics of Peace and Security Journal; and Digest of Middle East Study; and Guest editor for Defense and Peace Economics in 2012-2013. He has membership on various professional and academic organizations.

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His most recent publication includes: "Military Spending and Natural Resource: Evidence from Rentier States in Middle East and North Africa" *Defence and Peace Economics*; "Military Spending and Human Development Guns and Butter Argument Revisited: A Case from Egypt" *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*; "Reserve Requirements and Optimal Monetary Policy in Economies with Informal Sector" *International Journal of Banking and Finance*; "War food cost and Countervailing Policies: A Panel Data Approach" *Food Policy*; "Military spending and Panel Granger Causality Test" *Journal of Peace Research*. "Military Spending and Inequality: Evidence from Global Data" *Defense and Peace Economics*. "Political Economy of Grant Allocations: Case from U S Federal Highway Programs" *Publics: Journal of Federalism*). Finally, edited Book under review with Rutledge "Handbook on Darfur Political Economy"

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