

## **ADAM ABOOBAKER**

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### **Citizenship**

South African

### **Languages**

English - native speaker

French - intermediate

### **Current**

PhD candidate in the Economics Department at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2016 – current) and Research Assistant to Dr. James K. Boyce at the Political Economy Research Institute (2019-current).

### **Education and training**

BSoc.Sci in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, University of Cape Town (2010-2012)

BSoc.Sci (Honours) in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, University of Cape Town (2013)

MA, Development theory and policy, University of the Witwatersrand (2014-2016)

MA, Master de Droit, Economie, Gestion, Analyse et Politique Economique, Université Paris 13 (2014-2016)

MA, Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2016-2019)

6<sup>th</sup> Forum for Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies (FMM) Summer School on Keynesian macroeconomics and problems of European economic policies. (July/August 2017)

Visiting scholar Berlin School of Economics & Law (2014)

Visiting scholar University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2016)

### **Past grants**

Erasmus+ funding for Economic Policies in age of Globalisation (EPOG): €48,000

## **Awards**

2017 Kurt Rothschild Prize for Economic Studies winner (with Franz Prante, Ruben Tarne and Karsten Köhler).

## **Research interests**

Post-Keynesian macroeconomics (growth and distribution, ‘financialization’), Structuralist macroeconomics, African political economy, corruption and growth

## **Professional experience**

University of Witwatersrand and City of Johannesburg Project on Informal Trade (2014): Researcher.

Corporate Strategy and Industrial Development (CSID) department and COSATU Project on the National Minimum Wage in South Africa (2015): Researcher.

Teaching Assistant at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2016 – 2019)

Research Assistant to Dr. James K. Boyce at the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), (2019-

## **Academic writing**

Aboobaker, A. 2019. ‘Disarticulation as a Constraint to Wage-led Growth in Dual Economies’. *UMass Amherst Economics Papers*, Working Paper 2019-11. Available online: <https://www.umass.edu/economics/publications/2019-11.pdf>

Aboobaker, A. 2019. ‘Visions of stagnation and maldistribution: Monopoly Capital, ‘White Monopoly Capital’ and new challenges to the South African Left’. *Review of African Political Economy*.

Aboobaker, A. 2019. Review of ‘Extracting Profit: Imperialism, Neoliberalism and the New Scramble for Africa’. *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 57, Issue 1.

## **Popular writing**

May 2020. ‘Three ways to finance the Covid-19 policy response’ [with Ihsaan Bassier]. *Mail & Guardian*. <https://mg.co.za/opinion/2020-05-09-three-ways-to-finance-the-covid-19-policy-response/>

March 2020. ‘Redirect consumption from the rich to the poor to avert a humanitarian crisis’ [with Ihsaan Bassier]. *Mail & Guardian*. <https://mg.co.za/article/2020-03-31-covid-19-redirect-consumption-from-the-rich-to-the-poor-to-avert-a-humanitarian-crisis/>

June 2019. ‘Quantitative Easing cannot be used as a policy tool to drive development in South Africa’. *Business Day*. <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/letters/2019-06-13-letter-quantitative-easing-cannot-be-used-as-policy-tool-to-drive-development-in-sa/>

August 2018. 'Economic stagnation and inequality writ large in the school of Monopoly Capital'. *Business Day*. <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/2018-08-04-economic-stagnation-and-inequality-writ-large-in-the-school-of-monopoly-capital/>

February 2018. 'What will Ramaphosa do for the workers' [with Joshua Budlender]. *Business Day*. <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/2018-02-06-what-will-ramaphosa-do-for-the-workers/>

April 2017. '[South Africa] needs a debate beyond mere opposition'. *Business Day*. <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/2017-04-10-sa-needs-a-public-debate-beyond-mere-opposition/>

April 2017. 'Post-Keynesian Economics' [with Karsten Köhler, Franz Prante and Ruben Tarne]. *Exploring Economics*. <https://www.exploring-economics.org/en/orientation/post-keynesian-economics/>

## **Service**

Reviewer for the Review of African Political Economy