

# Daystar University Staff Profile Dr. Lydia Radoli

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<b>1. Name</b>	Lydia Ouma Radoli, PhD
<b>2. Passport photo:</b>	 A passport-style photograph of Dr. Lydia Radoli. She is a Black woman with long, dark, curly hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a blue zip-up top and a necklace with light-colored beads. The background shows a bookshelf with several books.
<b>3. Job Title and Responsibilities:</b>	Lecturer, Media and Film Studies (MFS) Examination Officer, MFS Department School of Communication Social Researcher: Media Migration and Development
<b>4. Biography (About Me):</b>	<p>I am a Kenyan Journalist, Social Researcher and Media Lecturer. The founder of Diaspora Radio, an online media platform dedicated to: “changing African narratives using a transnational perspectives.” <a href="https://www.diasporardio.org">https://www.diasporardio.org</a>. In 2019, Diaspora Radio was adapted as a Civil Society Project for the Brandenburg University of Technology- Cottbus (BTU), Intercultural Studies Chair. I hold a doctorate of philosophy (Dr.rer.phil) with a focus on Media , Migration and Development from the Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU- Germany). I have a European Union Erasmus Mundus Tripartite Masters in Human Rights Practice - EMHRP-MA (Roehampton-United Kingdom), (Gothenburg-Sweden) and (Tromso-Norway) Universities. A Communication - Sociology BA degree from the University of Nairobi and a Diploma in Journalism from the Kenya Institute of Mass Communication (KIMC). I have worked as a Senior Broadcast Journalist in East Africa, specifically, Kenya (Radio Waumini), Rwanda (Contact FM Radio) and Uganda (Uganda Radio Network), where I also served as a Gender Focal Person for the URN, European Union (EU) led Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) project. Internationally, I have contributed articles to Mkenya Ujerumani - a Diasporic Media outlet for Kenyans in Germany and We Will Lead Africa Journal for African innovators based in the USA. I have published academic papers and presented in international conferences (Tampere (Finland), Berkeley, Princeton, John Hopkins Maryland (USA), UN Center - New York, Tangaza (Kenya), Bonn, Goethe-Frankfurt and Cottbus (Germany). I</p>

have also been a Session Chair and Guest in International Conferences ( RAIS, AGGN). I was the Principal Investigator for Daystar University-Kenya Film Commission Research (August, 2020). I am an Alumni of the Katholischer Akademischer Auslander Dienst (KAAD) -The Catholic Academic Exchange Services (Germany), where I served as the Speaker to its African Parliament. Currently, I sit on the KAAD Scholarship Selection Committee of Kenya. I also serve as the Editorial Secretary to the KAAD, Society of East Africa ( KASEA - Alumni Body). I held the position of Vice Chair to the Europe Chapter of the Diaspora Youth Council (DYC) - of the Kenya Diaspora Alliance (KDA). I am a Fellow of the African Good Governance Network (AGGN), a DAAD project and served as its Vice Chair between 2017-2018. I received the 2019 African Women in Europe (AWE) Media Award in the Netherlands and the 2018 BTU Women Empowerment Award in Cottbus. In 2020, together with partners, founded the Nairobi based Communication Content Network (CCN) , a forum that aims to create linkages between academia and media practice. In CCN, I bring a wealth of knowledge in social research, conferencing, media training and practice.

**5. Academic Qualifications:**

Academic Qualification	Year of Award	Institution	Thesis Title
PhD - Media, Migration and Development	(2015-2019)	Goethe University - Frankfurt Am Main  Brandenburg University of Technology- Cottbus	<i>“Narratives of Migration and Development as Discourses in Transnational Digital Migrant Media “: The Case of Kenyan Migration to Europe.</i>
MA- Erasmus Mundus Human Rights Practice	(2009-2012)	Goethernburg University (Sweden), Roehampton University (United Kingdom), Tromso University (Norway)	<i>“Press Freedom and Media’s Role in Conflict and Peace-Building”: The Case of Post-2007, Election Crisis in Kenya</i>
BA- Communication-Sociology	(2004-2008)	University of Nairobi (UoN)	
Diploma - Journalism	(2000-2003)	Kenya Institute of Mass Communication (KIMC)	<i>The plight of Indigenous Peoples can the Media Help?</i>

**6. Research Interests:**

Media, Migration, Development, Qualitative Discourse Analysis, Political Contestations

	<p><b>Projects</b></p> <p><b>June 2020, Ongoing: Francis Nangenda Project:</b> With a team of Researchers and Art Curators from Uganda and Germany embarked on a venture to archive works of little known but influential Ugandan artist Francis Nangenda, through media archiving, curating and exhibition, creating digital art spaces. Partially Funded by the Katholischer Akademischer Auslander Dienst (KAAD).</p> <p><b>July -August 2020 : Daystar University Directorate of Research for Kenya Film Commission:</b> An Examination on the Extent of Kenyan Artists’ Knowledge of Rights and Practice ( <b>Principal Investigator</b>).</p> <p><b>September 2020, Ongoing : Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE)</b> Political Economy Team - Adoption (PET-A Kenya, Non- Rise) - Research Peer Daystar University in Collaboration with University of Pennsylvania &amp; Rise Programme</p> <p><b>November 2020, Ongoing:</b> Part of the Research Team on Economic Contribution of the Film Industry in Kenya. Research on Historical and Cultural Perspectives of Fort Jesus leading to the production of a Factual Documentary, Film and Animation.</p> <p><b>January 2021:</b> Appointed to the Research Committee in the Directorate of Research and Graduate Studies (DRGS): Participated in the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Forum in Nairobi, on articulating the Youth Agenda on the United Nations Resolution 2250 on Peace and Security. I was part of the Organizing Committee for a National ICGLR Consultative Forum held at Daystar University on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</p> <p><b>March 2021:</b> Appointed to the Vice Chancellor's Performance Delivery Team (PDT): Currently involved in Research and Grant Writing Projects under the Performance Delivery Team (PDT) .</p>
<p><b>7. Publications</b></p>	<p>Radoli, O.L. (2011). <i>Press Freedom and Media's Role in Conflict and Peace-building: Case of the Post-2007 Election Crisis in Kenya</i>. Available at: <a href="https://munin.uit.no/handle/10037/3506">https://munin.uit.no/handle/10037/3506</a></p> <p>Radoli, O.L. (2019). <i>Narratives of Migration and Development as Discourses in Transnational Digital Migrant Media: The Case of Kenyan Migration to Europe</i>. Available at: <a href="https://opus4.kobv.de/opus4-btu/">https://opus4.kobv.de/opus4-btu/</a></p> <p>Radoli, O. L. (2019). Fashion for Humanitarianism. In <i>We will Lead Africa, Women</i>. Vol.2. Edited volume by Dr. Sara Yabome and Gilpin-Jackson &amp; others.</p> <p>Radoli, O.L. (2019). <i>“White Terror and Ghosts of Kenya” : Post-colonial, Social-Political Imagery and Narratives of Kenyan Diasporas</i>. Research Association Interdisciplinary Studies.DOI:10.5281/zenodo.2651347</p>

Radoli, O.L. (2020 ). *“Healing Rwanda’s Genocide Trauma”*: A Re-construction of Painful Oral Historical Narratives. Research Association Interdisciplinary Studies. DOI:10.5281/zenodo.3909885

Radoli, O. L .(2020). *“Switching to SIDE Mode”- COVID-19 and the Adaptation of Computer Mediated Communication Learning in Kenya*. Research Association Interdisciplinary Studies. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.4006012

Radoli, O.L. (2020). *“Rhetoric Vs Reality”*: Confronting Difficult Truths in an Unequal World through a Covid-19 Health-Care lens. Research Association for Interdisciplinary Studies (RAIS), in partnership with the Unequal World Research Center, IRLA and IPSEC on 28-29 of September, 2020. (Published in the Unequal World Book of Abstracts).

Obonyo, L. & Radoli, O.L. (2020). *Balancing Privacy and the Right to Information in Covid-19 reporting in Kenya*. SAGE.

Radoli, O.L. (2021). *“Unfortunate Bedfellows”*: Contextualizing Political Contestations and Right to Education in Kenya. Unequal World Conference UN Centre. New York . USA:<http://unequal.world/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Book-of-Abstracts-Unequal-World-2021.pdf>

Lando, A.L & Radoli, O.L. (2021). *To Cover or Not to Cover? A Critical Discourse Analysis of Mainstream Media News Framing of Children in Kenyan Care Homes in Routledge Companion to Media and Poverty. Forthcoming*

### **Conferences**

- Katholischer Akademischer Auslander Dienst (KAAD) Conferences ( 2015-2019); Bonn, Munster, Lingen, Liepzig, Hechingen, Rome, Brussels
- African Good Governance Network (AGGN), Invited Fellow ( 2017-2018); Bonn, Freiburg, Berlin, Frankfurt am Main, Brussels
- Afro - European Conference (Tampere University, Finland). Paper: *Narratives of Migration and Development on Diasporic Media (2017)*
- Runder Tisch Afrika (Round Table Africa, Bonn) “Netzwerk Afrika Deutschland” an Association of German Congregations of Catholic Missionaries in Germany. Paper: *Mitigating Conflicts through “Reverse Mission”*: Experiences from African Diaspora Faith Communities in Europe (2018)
- Tangaza University College: Peace and Conflict Conference ( 2018)
- Media and Communications Studies Conference (University of Berkeley, California). Paper: *Stereotypical Representation of African Migrants (2018)*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Research Association of Interdisciplinary Studies (RAIS) Physical and Online Conferences: Princeton-Newark, John Hopkins - Maryland, Washington DC, New York (2019-2020).</li> </ul> <p><i>Innovations</i></p> <p>Founder, Diaspora Radio: <a href="http://www.diasporadio.org">www.diasporadio.org</a> : An online media platform for Transnational African Diaspora Narratives.</p>
<p><b>8. Classes you teach:</b></p>	<p><i>Current Courses</i></p> <p>Media Studies PhD (COM-834)  Media Law and Ethics Masters (COM 624)  Writing for Media Masters (COM 668)  Magazine and Feature Writing (COM 349)  Masters Supervision (currently 8 students)  Mentorship of Graduate Student (currently 17 students)</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant links:</b></p>	<p><i>Links</i></p> <p><b>Research Gate:</b> <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Lydia_Radoli2">https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Lydia_Radoli2</a></p> <p><b>Google Scholar:</b> <a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user</a></p> <p><b>AGGN:</b> <a href="https://www.aggn.org/fellows/radoli-lydia#6/50.096/8.776">https://www.aggn.org/fellows/radoli-lydia#6/50.096/8.776</a></p>
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