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About Me

Having come from a disadvantaged community in Zimbabwe, I have always strived to work towards addressing structural barriers not only for myself but for my community, country and all those who are vulnerable globally. I believe that the world can only be a better place if all voices are heard and all knowledge systems respected.

My Research

The overall philosophy of my research can be loosely explained by answering the question, 'how can we use academic research to address inequality and exclusion in practice?' Thus, my PhD work focuses on 'understanding the influence of small states in the making of international law relating to lethal autonomous weapons systems'.

Realising that international law has historically been made by those who are powerful to control the weak, my purpose is not only to understand these inequalities but to participate in the discourse that reduces them. I chose an aspect of international relations (autonomous weapons systems) that is exclusively a reserve for powerful states but with effects for small states and the Global South, and I try to include the voices of those who will be most affected by these developments.

My research outputs (for example <u>this</u>,) have dealt with trying to help those who are excluded to gain some form of access to mainstream structures and how to reform them.

My Practice

Firstly, all my work has been done to ensure inclusion for vulnerable populations, both at local and global levels. I started <u>Virtual Planet Africa</u> in 2017 to have youths in Africa be more involved in the political, social, and developmental processes in their communities, countries, and globally. This was despite having no funding to carry out the activities, I brought together a team who were passionate about making a difference. I have also brought to the forefront the African perspective to the Stop Killer Robots Campaign in an effort to make a difference globally. My practice is closely linked with my research, I campaign for the inclusion of African voices in the regulation and prohibition of lethal autonomous weapons systems, and research about how small states can influence a more humane regulatory system on the same issue at the UN.

My Affiliations







