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PROFILE

I am a national of Ghana. I had my elementary, secondary and first degree education in Ghana. I had my second degree and PhD in the Netherlands. Currently I lecture at the Department of Religious Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana.

RESEARCH

Interests	Religion/Culture · Gender · Ecology · Socio-Legal Systems · Human Rights and Development · Ghanaian · Associate Professor of Religion and Development · KNUST
Areas	Sociology and Political Science · Religious studies · Education · Political Science and International Relations · Anthropology · General Social Sciences

RESEARCH SUMMARY

47	182	8	7	1.20	12%
Publications	Citations	h-index	i10-index	Field-weighted impact	World top 10%

Counted from the 47 publications listed below, 2009–2026. Field-weighted impact is the mean over the 26 works scored for it; 1.00 is the world average for works of the same field, type and year. 3 of the 26 papers scored for it are among the world's most cited tenth for their field, type and year.

POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Religion and Development 2021–present
Department of Religion and Human Development, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Lecturer 2011–present
Department of Religion and Human Development, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

PhD 2005–present
Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Postdoctoral 2023
Institute for Catholic Theology, RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany

PhD 2005–2009
School, Erasmus University Rotterdam International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands

Student for Certificate in Research 2005
Research School for Resource Studies for Development (CERES), Faculty of Law, Economics, and Governance, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands

Licentiate in Intercultural Theology 2001–2003
School of Graduate Studies, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands

Master of Arts in Intercultural Theology 2001–2003
School of Graduate Studies, Raboud University of Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands

Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies 1998–2000
Department of Religion and Human Values, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana

DISTINCTIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Chief Editor 2025–present
Journal of Policy and Development Studies (AJOL)

External Examiner 2025–present
Department of Religious Studies, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa

External Examiner 2024–present
African Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria

External Examiner 2022–present
Centre for Conflicts, Human Rights and Peace Studies, University of Education, Winneba, Winneba, Ghana

External Examiner 2022–present
Department of Practical Theology, University of the Free State, Republic of South Africa, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa

External Exerminer 2019–present
Department of Religion and Human Values, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana

Reviewer, Asian Development Perspectives 2019–present
Institute for Poverty Alleviation and International Development, Yonsei University, Seodaemun-gu, Korea

Advisor, to the School Management Committee of Atikpui Junior High School 2018–present
Atikpui Junior High School, Ghana Education Service, N/A, Ghana

Internal Examiner, Thesis and Oral Examination, Department of Religious Studies 2018–present
Department of Religious Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Member, African Studies Centre for knowledge sharing, Leiden, The Netherlands 2016–present
Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands

Reviewer, Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal 2016–present
Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom

Chairman, Faculty of Social Sciences Research/Publications Committee 2015–present
Faculty of Social Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Member, African Association for the Study of Religions (AASR) 2014–present
African Association for the Study of Religions (AASR), Accra, Ghana

University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG) 2011–present
N/A, Ghana

Senior Lecturer 2011–present
Department of Religion and Human Development, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Cambridge Publication Editorial Advisory Board Member
Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom

Reviewer, Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law

Taylor and Francis Group, N/A, United Kingdom

DAAD Project Leader 2024–2026
DAAD Project Leader Conference in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, DAAD, Bonn, Germany

Board Member, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Board, (SD.) 2017–2018
College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Board member, Faculty of Social Sciences Board 2017–2018
Faculty of Social Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Head, Department of Religion and Human Development 2017–2018
Department of Religion and Human Development, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Head of Department 2017–2018
Department of Religious Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Member, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Procurement Committee 2016–2017
College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Chairman, Department of Religious Studies Re-Branding Committee 2016–2017
Department of Religious Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Member, Faculty of Social Sciences Projects and Development Committee 2015–2016
Faculty of Social Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Chairman, Department of Religious Studies Quality Assurance Committee 2015–2016
Department of Religious Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Chairman, Department of Religious Studies Guidance and Counselling Committee 2015–2016
Department of Religious Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles 47

1. **Samuel Yao Xenyo**, Ernest Owusu (2026). An examination of the role of religious practices in the preservation of water bodies in Ghana. *International Journal of Current Research in the Humanities*. https://doi.org/10.4314/ijcrh.v29i1.10
2. **VS Gedzi** (2026). Religion, Culture, and Structural Transformation in Africa: Informal Institutions, Moral Economies, and the Political Economy of Development. *African Journal of Social Issues*. https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Victor-Gedzi/publication/402172971_RELIGION_CULTURE_AND_STRUCTURAL_TRANSFORMATION_IN_AFRICA_INFORMAL_INSTITUTIONS_MORAL_ECONOMIES_AND_THE_POLITICAL_ECONOMY_OF_DEVELOPMENT/links/69b7f51aa5bf176ab550e289/Religion-culture-and-structural-transformation-in-Africa-informal-institutions-moral-economies-and-the-political-economy-of-development.pdf
3. **V.S. Gedzi**, E.K.E. Antwi (2025). Biblical stewardship and electricity management in Ghana. *Acta Theologica*. https://doi.org/10.38140/at.v45i1.9516
4. **Victor S. Gedzi**, Ernest Owusu, Lustre-Lawra Owusu (2025). CULTURE, TEENAGE PREGNANCY AND THE CURTAILING OF GIRLS' EDUCATION IN EJURA SEKYEDUMASE MUNICIPAL. *Journal of Applied Science Arts and Business*. https://doi.org/10.63882/nvvamy88

5. E. Owusu, **V.S. Gedzi**, E. Obimpeh-Quayson (2025). Christians' social perception of climate change and poverty: A study of the Nkroanza south district assembly. *Acta Theologica*. https://doi.org/10.38140/at.v45i1.8144

6. **Victor Gedzi** (2025). Exploring Religious Studies as Remedy for Value Challenges in International Trade and Policy. *Journal of Policy and Development Studies*. https://doi.org/10.4314/jpds.v18i2.16

7. **VS Gedzi** (2025). PRESERVATION OF WATER BODIES: AN EXAMINATION OF THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN GHANA. *International Journal for the Study of Intercultural Values and Indigenous Ecoethics*.

8. Michael Ampofo, **Victor Selorme Gedzi**, John Kwaku Opoku (2025). Parenting in the Baptist Tradition: Understanding the Influence of Faith on Family Dynamics. *E-Journal of Humanities Arts and Social Sciences*. https://doi.org/10.38159/ehass.202561028

9. Ernest Owusu, **Victor Gedzi**, Lawrence Guodaar, Justice Domfeh (2025). Perceptions of Christians on Climate Change in Ghana: Mixed Methods Study. *NG Journal of Social Development*. https://doi.org/10.4314/ngjsd.v17i2.1

10. **VS Gedzi**, L Guodaar, OJ Domfeh (2025). Perceptions of Christians on climate change in Ghana: A mixed methods study. *NG Journal of Social Development*. https://www.academia.edu/download/123721199/Christians_Perception_of_Climate_Change.pdf

11. Sanatu Fusheini, **Victor Gedzi** (2025). Role of Islamic Almsgiving in Social Cohesion: A Functionalist Perspective. *NG Journal of Social Development*. https://doi.org/10.4314/ngjsd.v17i1.9

12. Michael Ampofo, John Kwaku Opoku, **Victor Selorme Gedzi** (2025). The Moral Compass of Baptist Christianity: Examining Specific Teachings and their Impact in Sakumono Zone (Ghana). *E-Journal of Religious and Theological Studies*. https://doi.org/10.38159/erats.20251194

13. **VS Gedzi** (2024). Digital Transformation and Changes in Religious Communication of Neo-Prophetic Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches in Ghana. *Journal of Indigenous and Shamanic Studies*. https://doi.org/10.10520/ejc-jiss_v5_n1_a2

14. Sanatu Fusheini, **Victor Selorme Gedzi**, Ernest Owusu (2024). Ending Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Against Women in the Tamale Metropolis: The Role of Religion. *E-Journal of Humanities Arts and Social Sciences*. https://doi.org/10.38159/ehass.20245134

15. **VS Gedzi** (2024). Journal of Indigenous and Shamanic Studies. *Journal of Indigenous and Shamanic Studies*. https://doi.org/10.5555/jiss

16. Francis Fiahenoo, **Victor Selorme Gedzi**, Ernest Owusu (2024). Religion and Environmental Conservation: A Case Study of Abasua Prayer Mountain Ministry. *E-Journal of Religious and Theological Studies*. https://doi.org/10.38159/erats.20241083

17. **VS Gedzi** (2024). Value Crisis and Economic Development in Ghana. *African Journal of Religion, Philosophy and Culture (AJRPC)*. https://doi.org/10.31920/2634-7644/2024/v5n2a11

18. **VS Gedzi**, George Anderson Jnr. (2022). The Role of Religion in Solid Waste Management in Congested Inner-cities: A Case Study of Aboabo. *Journal of Indigenous and Shamanic Studies*. https://doi.org/10.10520/ejc-jiss_v3_n1_a2

19. **VS Gedzi** (2021). Situating the Religious Market Theory in Ghanaian Religious Context: Merits and Demerits. *African Journal of Religion, Philosophy and Culture*. https://doi.org/10.31920/2634-7644/2020/v2n1a4

20. **Victor Selorme Gedzi**, Ignatius Nti-Abankoro (2020). Christian faith and economic development : a case study of some Christian workers in Ghana's public sector in Kumasi. *African Journal of Religion Philosophy and Culture*. https://doi.org/10.31920/2634-7644/2020/v1n2a3

21. **Victor Selorme Gedzi**, Wise Kweku Treve, Alexander Yao Segbefia (2020). Congregational conflicts and societal impacts : a case of Evangelical Presbyterian congregation in Ghana.

22. Yunus Yunus Dumbe, **Victor Selorme Gedzi**, Osman Issah Seekey (2020). Contesting Religious Authority in Ghana: Perspectives of Literary Works of Aminu Bamba. *Journal of the Contemporary Study of Islam*. https://doi.org/10.37264/jcsi.v1i2.21

23. **VS Gedzi**, GM Bob-Milliar, Seth Tweneboah (2020). Death rituals as a livelihood strategy among the Asante in Ghana. *Journal of Indigenous and Shamanic Studies*. https://doi.org/10.10520/ejc-208f67b3e8

24. Gabriel Eshun, **Victor Selorme Gedzi** (2020). Emotions, Transcendence, Differentiated Voices and Resistances at Cape Coast Castle in Ghana: Poetic Analysis. *African Journal of Hospitality Tourism and Leisure*. https://doi.org/10.46222/ajhtl.19770720-10

25. John Kwaku Opoku, M. Víctor, **Victor Selorme Gedzi** (2019). Akan Healthcare Delivery System and Its Effect on Modern Healthcare Practice in Ghana. https://doi.org/10.18533/journal.v8i9.1698

26. John Kwaku Opoku, Eric Manu, **Victor Selorme Gedzi** (2019). Church and Poverty Alleviation Through Health Care Delivery in the Kumasi Metropolis. *Developing Country Studies*. https://doi.org/10.7176/dcs/9-10-08

27. **Victor Selorme Gedzi**, Kwakye Siaw Ahenkora, Yunus Dumbe (2019). Homosexuality in Ghana: Perspectives of Science, Social Learning Theory and Religion. *Oguaa Journal of Religion and Human Values*. https://doi.org/10.47963/ojorhv.v5i1.337

28. EKE Antwi, **VS Gedzi** (2019). Jonah: Crossing Religious Boundaries Towards Peaceful Co-existence and Development. *International Journal of Philosophy and Public Affairs*.

29. Seth Tweneboah, Yunus Dumbe, **Victor Selorme Gedzi** (2019). Pentecostalism, the Media, and the State: Politicization of Indigenous Customary Systems in Ghana. *Politics Religion & Ideology*. https://doi.org/10.1080/21567689.2019.1656071

30. **VS Gedzi** (2019). The Role of Culture and Law in Sustaining Trokosi Institution in Southern Ghana. *Oguaa Journal of Religion and Human Values (OJORHV)*. https://journal.ucc.edu.gh/index.php/ojorhv/article/download/1163/574

31. **Victor Selorme Gedzi** (2019). role of culture and law in sustaining trokosi institution in southern Ghana. *Oguaa Journal of Religion and Human Values*. https://doi.org/10.47963/ojorhv.v5i2.1163

32. **VS Gedzi** (2018). NGOs, spirituality and community development in Northern Ghana: Challenges and sustainability. *Journal of African Political Economy and Development*. https://doi.org/10.10520/ejc-141fdbf7c9

33. **Victor Selorme Gedzi**, Yunus Dumbe, Gabriel Eshun (2016). Environmental Reviews and Case Studies: Religious Resources and Environmental Management in Ghana. *Environmental Practice*. https://doi.org/10.1017/s1466046616000247

34. MK Ntiamoah, **VS Gedzi** (2016). Environmental degradation: A challenge to traditional leadership at Akyem Abuakwa in the Eastern Region of Ghana. *American Journal of Indigenous Studies*. https://www.academia.edu/download/51582381/Environmental_Degradation_A_Challenge_to.pdf

35. **VS Gedzi** (2016). Field of power: A religio-cultural analysis of Trokosi in Ghana. *Political Science Journal: Critical Thinking*. https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Victor-Gedzi/publication/322661540_Field_Of_Power_A_Religio-Cultural_Analysis_Of_Trokosi_In_Ghana/links/5a6743cb4585159da0d9d8c7/Field-Of-Power-A-Religio-Cultural-Analysis-Of-Trokosi-In-Ghana.pdf

36. **Victor Selorme Gedzi** (2015). Context and Erection of Legal System in Ghana. *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal*. https://doi.org/10.14738/assrj.22.770

37. Yunus Dumbe, Gabriel Eshun, **Victor Selorme Gedzi** (2015). Salafis and the politics of nationalism among migrant Muslims in Ghana. *Africa Insight*.

38. **VS Gedzi** (2014). PNDC Law 111 in Ghana and international human rights laws. *Global Journal of Politics and Law Research*. https://www.academia.edu/download/53559186/PNDC-Law-111-in-Ghana-and-International-Human-Rights-Laws.pdf

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Unpopularity_of_Ghana's_PNDC_Law_111_on_Intestate_Succession_among_the_Anlo_and_Asante/links/56e1998c08ae23524090b47c/The-Limits-of-Legal-Intervention-in-Customary-Practices-Understanding-the-Unpopularity-of-Ghanas-PNDC-Law-111-on-Intestate-Succession-among-the-Anlo-and-Asante.pdf

41. **VS Gedzi** (2013). Gospel Values and African Traditional Religion. *Fiorita, Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies*. https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Victor-Gedzi/publication/315800438_Gospel_Values_and_African_Traditional_Religion/links/58e65435a6fdcc6800b462bd/Gospel-Values-and-African-Traditional-Religion
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43. **VS Gedzi** (2013). The causal correlation of sin and suffering. *International Journal of Physical and Human Geography*. https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cluster=6279569866325381265&hl=en&oi=scholarr
44. **VS Gedzi** (2013). Women's Property Rights and Dispute Resolution among the Anlo and the Asante of Ghana. *Journal of Society and Communication*. https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cluster=15229912029724752713&hl=en&oi=scholarr
45. **Victor Selorme Gedzi** (2012). PROPERTY RELATIONS AND WOMEN'S ACCESS TO COURTS AMONG THE ANLO AND THE ASANTE IN GHANA. *European Scientific Journal ESJ*.
46. **Victor Selorme Gedzi** (2012). WOMEN'S PROPERTY RELATIONS AFTER INTESTATE SUCCESSION PNDC LAW 111 IN GHANA. *Research on humanities and social sciences*.
47. **V Gedzi** (2009). Women and property inheritance after intestate succession, Law 111 in Ghana. *A paper presented at IAFFE Conference, Boston*. https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cluster=4107517501394155500&hl=en&oi=scholarr