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Short biography

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Academic interests and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education policy • Academic mobility and migration • Higher education regionalisation and sustainability • Comparative higher education
Academic background	<p>Professor Kolawole Samuel Adeyemo is an associate professor in the Department of Education Management and Policy Studies at the University of Pretoria. He holds a PhD in educational management from Cavite State University in the Philippines (2011) and completed a University of Pretoria vice-chancellor's postdoctoral fellowship from 2012 to 2014.</p> <p>He is a researcher in international and comparative studies in higher education. His work often involves exploring new populations of internationally mobile students and issues of policy in emerging and underresearched regional higher education destinations. He has worked as a visiting scholar at Indiana University Bloomington in the United States, guest researcher at Aarhus University in Denmark and visiting professor at the University of Victoria in Canada.</p> <p>Prof Adeyemo is the South Africa Country Director for the Society of Transnational Academic Researchers (STAR) and assistant editor of the Journal of International Students, a top-10 ranked academic journal in higher education. His recent book, Rhetoric of the Asia Higher Education Rankings, published by Brill-Sense (2023), analyses the implications of the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) world university rankings to gain insights into the usefulness of reputation rankings in addressing social inequality.</p> <p>Prof Adeyemo received a C2 rating from the NRF.</p>

Most recent achievement and award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is a nationally rated scientist by the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa in 2022. • On March 18, 2021, Prof Adeyemo received a nomination for the Medal of Social Sciences and Humanities by the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) and Universities South Africa (USAf).
Research project	<p>Prof Adeyemo's research project on decoloniality brings a desperately needed perspective on African Epistemologies on the critical topic of higher education in relation to knowledge production. Basically, it highlights how knowledge creation processes play a significant role in higher education systems, society, and in African development. The research highlights how existing knowledge systems can be better aligned with past and present narratives throughout African history. It seeks to answer questions on the history and sociological dimensions of knowledge production in higher education.</p> <p>The output is a book published by Routledge: London. The book aims to deconstruct the epistemic injustice and the effect of Western ideologies on African higher education.</p> <p>This research is funded by the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa.</p>