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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Early-career development economist specialising in labour markets, conflict and forced displacement, food security, and climate vulnerability. Expertise in causal inference, econometric modelling, impact evaluation, World Bank household surveys, geospatial data, and translating evidence into actionable policy recommendations.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Economic & Policy Analysis · Causal Inference & Impact Evaluation · Quantitative Research · Modelling · Simulation
- Data Management (Stata, R, Python, QGIS, NVivo) · Survey & Field Research
- Capacity Development · Technical Writing · Policy Communication
- Stakeholder Consultation · Project & Grant Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Research Assistant (Economic Consultant)

Jul 2025 – Aug 2026

School of Psychology, The University of Queensland · Australia

- Supported evaluation of Australia's proposed two-tier drug-driving enforcement system using randomised controlled trial (RCT) evidence, linking experimental findings to questions of road-safety effectiveness and national policy reform.
- Led the economic and cost-benefit analysis of the proposed two-tier enforcement system, quantifying costs, benefits, risks, and distributional effects to strengthen the evidence base for policy appraisal.
- Designed and coordinated stakeholder consultations and focus groups with government, industry, and community participants, ensuring implementation perspectives informed the research and policy analysis.
- Produced three manuscripts, technical reports and policy recommendations that translated complex analytical findings for academic, industry, and government audiences.
- Conducted economic valuation and cost-benefit analysis for a school-zone road-conflict project, providing evidence on safety benefits and resource allocation for transport-policy decisions around school zones.

Sessional Academic /Research Assistant (Part-time)

Oct 2023 – Present

Griffith University · Australia

- Deliver lectures, tutorials, and workshops in Microeconomic Analysis, Economics and Quantitative Methods for Managers, and Trade and Global Strategy, linking theory to applied policy and business problems.
- Use applied exercises, real-world data, and policy examples to strengthen students' economic reasoning, quantitative analysis, and problem-solving skills.
- Cleaned and integrated World Bank Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) household data with CHIRPS climate data for an FAO-funded project on migration and child labour in Uganda and Honduras, enabling cross-country analysis of climate and livelihood shocks.
- Conducted NVivo-based thematic analysis of stakeholder interviews to triangulate quantitative findings and identify mechanisms shaping migration decisions and child-labour risks.
- Contributed to the project report, translating quantitative and qualitative findings into clear evidence for research partners and policy-facing discussion.
- As part of the Griffith University role, supported Brisbane City Council's Active School Travel Program by diagnosing a key monitoring gap for credible impact evaluation.
- Designed the Active School Travel Monitoring & Impact Evaluation Framework, moving the program from descriptive volume counting toward data collection capable of supporting causal evaluation, including difference-in-differences and RCT designs.
- Continue to provide technical advice for Brisbane City Council under the supervision of Prof Alberto Posso, supporting implementation of the evaluation framework and evidence-informed program improvement.

Field Research Officer

Feb 2025 – Jun 2025

Roy Morgan · Australia

- Administered national surveys, including Understanding Skills Across Australia (USAA) and Life Experiences and Opinions (LEO), using structured field protocols to support high-quality and comparable data collection.
- Maintained participant engagement, confidentiality, and accurate survey records, supporting data integrity and reliable downstream analysis.

Economic Expert AI Tutor (Freelance)

Nov 2024 – Dec 2025

Mindrift · Australia

- Developed and evaluated economics-focused AI prompts, responses, and reasoning tasks, applying domain expertise to improve accuracy, relevance, and policy coherence.
- Evaluated model outputs for economic reasoning, empirical validity, and logical consistency, providing structured feedback that supported model improvement.

Research Aide

Sep 2024 – Feb 2025

School of Public Health, The University of Queensland · Australia

- Supported participant recruitment and survey data collection under established protocols, helping maintain consistent study implementation and data quality.
- Performed data cleaning, quality checks, and preliminary statistical analysis, improving data readiness for research reporting.

Assistant Lecturer / Research Fellow

Aug 2017 – Feb 2024

Ahmadu Bello University · Nigeria

- Delivered undergraduate courses Microeconomics and Econometrics, developing course materials and strengthening students' applied economic-analysis skills.
- Developed research proposals and established collaboration with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), expanding opportunities for evidence-based development-economics research.
- Contributed to the [USAID-funded Mutual Weather-Index Crop Insurance project](#) across field data collection, data management, quantitative analysis, and stakeholder engagement, generating evidence relevant to agricultural policy and household risk mitigation.

EDUCATION

PhD Economics Griffith University, Australia	Oct 2023 – Oct 2026
PhD Coursework Yildiz Technical University, Türkiye	Oct 2021 – Apr 2023
MA Economics Ibn Haldun University, Türkiye	Sep 2019 – Dec 2021
MSc International Finance Istanbul Commerce University, Türkiye	Sep 2019 – Aug 2021
MSc Economics Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria	Jan 2017 – Aug 2019
BSc Economics Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria	Oct 2011 – Oct 2015

SELECTED RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- **Babangida, J. S.**, Staneva, A., Kler, P., & Kifle, T. (2026). Violent Conflicts and Food Insecurity Coping Strategies: Evidence from Nigeria. *Applied Economics*. 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2026.2722313>
- **Babangida, J. S.**, Staneva, A., & Kler, P. (2026). Caught in the Crossfire: Livelihood, Employment and Forced Displacement in Nigeria. *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 48 (3). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpolmod.2026.107040>
- **Babangida, J. S.**, Khan, A., & Aysan, A. F. (2024). Examining the Shifting Dynamics of the Beveridge Curve in the Turkish Labor Market during Crises. *Economies*, 12(5). <https://doi.org/10.3390/economies12050110>
- **Babangida, J. S.**, Mamman, S. O., & Derbeneva, V. V. (2024). Beyond Borders: Exploring the Migration–Climate Change Dynamics of Asian Migrants to the Russian Federation. *Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences*, 17(6). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12076-024-00373-z>
- Sanusi, H. I., & **Babangida, J. S.** (2023). Socioeconomic Drivers and Risk Factors of the Covid-19 Pandemic in Nigeria. *R-Economy*, 9(3), 325–337. <https://doi.org/10.15826/recon.2023.9.3.020>
- Mathy, S., Miroslav, H., Joseph, P., **Babangida, J. S.**, & Chukwudi, N. (2022). Application of a Decoupling Approach to Evaluate Electricity Consumption, Agriculture, GDP, Crude Oil Production, and CO2 Emission Nexus in Support of Economic Instruments in Nigeria. *Sustainability*. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su14063226>

Forthcoming / Under Review

- **Babangida, J. S.**, Staneva, A., Kler, P., & Kifle, T. (Under Review). When the Flood Hits, Does Household Food Security Follow or Only When Prices Move? Evidence from Nigeria. *Journal of Agricultural Economics*.
- Mamman, S. O., **Babangida, J. S.**, Iliyasu, J., & Abubakar, A. B. (Under Review). Female Employment and Income Inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa. *African Development Review*.
- Iliyasu, J., Mamman, S. O., and **Babangida, J. S.** (Under Review). Domestic and Imported Sources of Second-Round Effects under New Inflation Targeting Regime. *Economic Analysis and Policy*.

Working Papers

- Babangida, J. S. *Olympic Hosting as a Labour-Demand Shock: Quasi-Experimental Evidence on Worker Mobility and Regional Adjustment*.
- Babangida, J. S. *When Crime Becomes a Livelihood: Social Normalisation, Organisational Capital, and Criminal Persistence - Theory and Evidence from Nigeria*. Submitted for consideration to Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Working Paper Series.
- Soleimanloo, S.S., Horswill, M., Hill, A., Bruno, R., Salom, C., Smith, S., **Babangida, J.S.**, Barber, T., Kim, J., McLachlan, J., Aghamalizadeh, A. *Is a Two-Tier Drug-Driving Enforcement Cost-Effective? An Ex-Ante Queensland Evaluation*.
- Soleimanloo, S.S., Horswill, M., Hill, A., Bruno, R., Salom, C., Smith, S., **Babangida, J.S.**, Barber, T., Kim, J., McLachlan, J., Aghamalizadeh, A. *Evaluating Australia's Zero-Tolerance Drug-Driving Enforcement: Associations with Road-Safety Outcomes*.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

- **Babangida, J. S.**, Staneva, A., Kler, P., & Kifle, T. (2026). When the Flood Hits, Does Household Food Security Follow or Only When Prices Move? Evidence from Nigeria. Accepted for presentation at Environmental Economics Workshop, Monash University, 2026.
- **Babangida, J. S.**, Staneva, A., Kler, P., & Temesgen, K. (2026). Violent Conflict and Food Insecurity: Evidence from Nigeria. Accepted for presentation, 2026 Global Labour Organisation (GLO) Asia Flagship Conference, Guangzhou.
- Mamman, S. O., **Babangida, J. S.**, Iliyasu, J., & Abubakar, A. B. (2025). Female Employment and Income Inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa. Centre for African Research on Enterprises and Economic Development, University of the West of Scotland.
- **Babangida, J. S.**, Staneva, A., Kler, P., & Temesgen, K. (2025). Violent Conflict, Climate Change and Food Insecurity: Evidence from Nigeria. Australasian Development Economics Conference, Queensland University of Technology.
- **Babangida, J. S.**, Staneva, A., & Kler, P. (2024 & 2025). Caught in the Crossfire: Gendered Livelihood Risk, Labour and Forced Migration in Nigeria. Griffith University Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics HDR Symposium (2024) and Istanbul Conference on Economics and Society, ISTCES (2025).

GRANTS

Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG) I4T Research Grant

Oct 2021 – Jul 2023

Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

Project: “[Breaking Barriers to Inclusion: Assessing Job Security, School-to-Work Transition and Discouragement Effects of Youth in Nigeria](#).” The project examined the sources of youth exclusion from the labour market, assessed school-to-work transition and job security, and investigated youth labour-market preferences and aspirations.

ReCIPE Compact Research Grant — Submitted; outcome pending

2026

Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

Project: “When Violence Becomes Persistent: Criminal Networks, Livelihood Shocks, and the Geography of Kidnapping in Nigeria.”

COURSES

- Virtual PhD Course on Political Economy — BREAD–International Growth Centre (IGC) (present)
- Key Concepts for Economies in Conflict and Fragile Settings — Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) (2026)
- Virtual PhD Course on Social Protection — BREAD–International Growth Centre (IGC) (2025)
- Virtual PhD Course on Urban Economics — BREAD–IGC (2024)
- GIS Methods for Quantitative Spatial Data Analysis — Wheeler Institute for Business and Development, London Business School (2024)
- IZA/FCDO G2LM|LIC Online Development Economics Course — Institute of Labour Economics (IZA) and G2LM|LIC (2024)
- Virtual PhD Course on Environmental Economics — BREAD–IGC (2023)
- Reproducible Research Fundamentals — World Bank Group Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) (2023)
- GIS Methods for Quantitative Spatial Data Analysis — Wheeler Institute for Business and Development, London Business School (2023)
- Manage Successful Field Research Course — World Bank Group DIME (2023)
- Manage Successful Impact Evaluation Surveys Course — World Bank Group DIME (2022)
- Virtual PhD Course on Education, Credit, Insurance, Risk and Migration — BREAD–IGC (2022)
- IZA/FCDO Online Development Economics Course for Sub-Saharan Africa — IZA (2021)