

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am an Interdisciplinary law scholar, legal educator, researcher and Independent Country Expert specialising in international human rights law, public law, constitutional law, international humanitarian law, asylum and immigration law, and democratic governance. Currently a Lecturer in Law at the University of Northampton, with previous appointments as a Visiting Lecturer at Birmingham City University and The University of Law, Nottingham Campus. Experienced in teaching undergraduate and postgraduate law modules, including Land Law, Equity and Trusts, Contract Law, Business Law, Criminal Justice, Human Rights Law, Public Law and Constitutional Law. His doctoral research examined how political factors and power relations shape the legal protection of human rights in Cameroon, with reference to the Anglophone crisis. His broader research explores constitutionalism, democracy, political accountability, armed conflict, human rights protection, and emerging legal challenges.

Alongside my academic responsibilities, I serve as an **Independent Country Expert**, preparing impartial, evidence-based reports for asylum, immigration and human rights proceedings. My geographical expertise spans **Afghanistan, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sudan and Syria**. My expert opinions address country conditions, persecution, political instability, armed conflict, state protection, internal relocation and risks upon return. I am affiliated with the **Electronic Immigration Network (EIN:** https://www.ein.org.uk/experts/agbor**)** and the **Centre for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS:** https://cgrs.uclawsf.edu/en/users/nelson-agbor-nelsondiaryofalegalacademiccouk.**)**, professional platforms that provide access to specialist legal resources, country-of-origin information, and developments in refugee protection and asylum jurisprudence. These affiliations complement my academic research and practical experience in preparing independent expert opinions for immigration and asylum proceedings.

CORE EXPERTISE

- International Human Rights Law
- Constitutional and Public Law
- Humanitarian Law and armed conflict
- Cameroon country conditions
- Asylum and immigration reports
- Legal education and assessment

SELECTED CREDENTIALS

- PhD in Law, University of Plymouth
- LLM International Human Rights Law
- Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
- Member, Society of Legal Scholars
- Member, Association of Law Teachers
- Professional Certificate in Artificial Intelligence Law

EDUCATION

PhD in Law — University of Plymouth *(1 October 2020 - 1 January 2026)*
- Thesis: In what ways do political factors and relations of power interfere with the legal protection of human rights in Cameroon?
- Director of Studies: Prof. Patrick Holden.

LLM, International Human Rights Law — University of Hertfordshire *(January 2019 - February 2020)*
- Key modules: International Human Rights Law, Medical Law, Data Protection Law and Public International Law.
- Thesis: International Human Rights Law: a view from states suffering from political oppression and armed atrocities, with a case study of former British Southern Cameroons.

Bachelor's Degree in Law and Political Science — University of Dschang, Cameroon *(2002 - 2006)*
- Key modules: Equity and Trusts, Land Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Justice Processes and Procedures, Criminal Procedure and Human Rights Law.

Additional education: General Certificate of Education "A" Levels (2002); General Certificate of Education "O" Levels (2000).

TEACHING AND ADVISORY FOCUS

Legal Teaching	Student Support	Expert Reports
Land Law, Equity and Trusts, Contract Law, Criminal Justice, Business Law, Human Rights Law and Constitutional Law.	Inclusive, student-centred teaching with structured feedback, academic writing support and dissertation guidance.	Independent country-expert analysis on Cameroon for asylum, immigration and human rights proceedings.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer in Law | University of Northampton | *September 2026 – Present*

- Deliver lectures, seminars, tutorials and workshops across undergraduate Law modules, using inclusive and research-informed teaching.
- Design and deliver engaging learning materials aligned with programme and module learning outcomes.
- Assess and moderate student work, providing constructive formative and summative feedback.
- Provide academic and pastoral support to students and contribute to student progression and employability.
- Supervise undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations and independent research projects.
- Undertake legal research, produce high-quality scholarly publications and contribute to the University's research culture.
- Contribute to curriculum development, module administration, quality assurance and wider School activities.
- Participate in academic citizenship, including meetings, recruitment, open days and collaborative research initiatives.

Visiting Lecturer in Law | Birmingham City University | *September 2025 - Present*

- Teaches undergraduate core modules including Land Law, Equity and Trusts, Human Rights Law and Constitutional Law.
- Participates in departmental meetings, research workshops and seminars.
- Contributes to curriculum design, assessment marking and academic support for students.
- Supports student dissertations and academic writing.

Visiting Lecturer | The University of Law, Nottingham Campus | *July 2024 - Present*

- Teaches undergraduate and postgraduate modules, including Human Rights Law, Data Protection, Intellectual Property Rights and Constitutional Law.
- Participates in departmental meetings, research workshops and seminars.
- Contributes to curriculum design, assessment marking and dissertation support.

Alumni Research Fellow | University of Plymouth Law School | *January 2026 - Present*

- Continues to make research contributions and maintain scholarly engagement with the institution where he completed his doctoral studies.
- Conducts, supports and disseminates legal research for specialised projects, including data analysis, stakeholder engagement and publication-focused scholarship.
- Plans and executes research projects using suitable qualitative and quantitative methods.

Peer Reviewer | International Journal of Law and Society | *May 2026 - Present*

Assesses submitted manuscripts for academic quality, originality, relevance and methodological rigour, providing constructive, objective and timely feedback to editors and authors. Responsibilities include evaluating legal and theoretical contributions, ensuring compliance with ethical and academic standards, recommending acceptance, revision or rejection, and maintaining confidentiality throughout the peer-review process.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Lecturer in Law | Birmingham City University

Taught modules include Land Law, Equity and Trusts (Level 5), and Contract Law, Criminal Justice and Business Law (Level 4).

- Delivers structured lectures and interactive seminars that link doctrinal legal principles to contemporary legal and social questions.
- Designs and delivers seminar materials, including case-based exercises, problem questions and guided reading tasks, aligned with module learning outcomes.
- Provides academic support for formative and summative coursework, helping students refine legal argument, research methodology, structure, clarity and legal accuracy.
- Provides tailored feedback during office hours and via online platforms on topics including proprietary rights, leases and licences, co-ownership, trusts, fiduciary duties and equitable remedies.
- Conducts marking and moderation of coursework and examinations in line with university assessment criteria, ensuring consistency, fairness and timely feedback.
- Collaborates with module leaders and teaching colleagues to review teaching strategies, maintain academic standards and enhance module delivery.
- Delivers postgraduate lectures and seminars on Data Protection and Intellectual Property Rights, incorporating legislation, case studies and applied legal analysis.

INDEPENDENT COUNTRY EXPERT – ASYLUM, IMMIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

I am an Independent Country Expert specialising in asylum, immigration and human rights proceedings. Drawing on doctoral research, peer-reviewed academic publications, and expertise in international human rights law, constitutional law, political governance, and country conditions, I provide independent, impartial, evidence-based expert opinions to solicitors, legal practitioners, immigration tribunals, and other decision-makers.

Countries of Expertise: Afghanistan, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sudan and Syria.

My expert reports assess country-of-origin conditions, political instability, armed conflict, persecution, state protection, internal relocation, human rights violations, and the risks individuals face upon return. My assessments draw on authoritative country-of-origin information,

academic research, international human rights instruments, reports from governmental and non-governmental organisations, and current political and legal developments.

With approximately **25 expert reports prepared annually**, I bring substantial experience in delivering independent, professionally reasoned assessments that help legal representatives and tribunals evaluate complex protection claims. My work is grounded in academic integrity, objectivity, methodological rigour, and a commitment to fair, evidence-based decision-making.

Areas of Country Expertise

- The Anglophone Crisis and its humanitarian consequences.
- Political persecution and state responses to dissent.
- Human rights violations and access to justice in Cameroon.
- Internal displacement, refugee protection and risks of forced return.
- Constitutional and governance issues affecting minority communities.
- Country conditions relevant to asylum and human rights claims.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary research focus: International Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Law, with particular interest in the psychosocial, educational and developmental impacts of armed conflict on children in the context of the ongoing Anglophone conflict in Cameroon. This research examines how exposure to violence, displacement and disrupted schooling affects children's wellbeing, identity and long-term resilience in conflict-affected communities.

Secondary research areas include legal theory, constitutional law, criminal law, land law, equity and trusts.

PUBLICATIONS

- Agbor, N., Eiluorior, A. (2026). Growing Up in the Crossfire: Children, Youth and the Human Cost of Armed Conflict in Africa — Lessons from Cameroon's Anglophone Crisis. *International Journal of Law and Society*, *9*(4), 453-465. https://doi.org/10.11648/j.ijls.20260904.12.
- Agbor, N. (2026). Artificial Intelligence Liability and Legal Personality in the Age of Autonomous Systems. *International Journal of Law and Society*, *9*(3), 416-430. https://doi.org/10.11648/j.ijls.20260903.21
- Nelson Agbor (2026) "Democracy Without Rights? Constitutionalism, Political Power and Human Rights Protection in Cameroon and Central Africa", *Theory and Practice in Social Studies*, 2(3), pp. pp.73–92. doi: 10.65343/tpss.v2i3.139.
- Agbor, N. (2026). Jurisdiction, Power and the Denial of Justice: The Impact of Jurisdictional Incompetence on Fair Trial Rights in Cameroon. *International Journal of Law and Society*, *9*(3), 314-328. https://doi.org/10.11648/j.ijls.20260903.12.
- Agbor, N. (2026). Cameroon in Context: Rethinking Democracy in Central and West Africa. *International Journal of Law and Society*, *9*(2), 289-303. https://doi.org/10.11648/j.ijls.20260902.25.
- "The UK Rwanda Asylum Plan: Brexit and Britain's Membership of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)." Available via Academia.edu.https://www.academia.edu/121938005/The_UK_Rwanda_Asylum_plan_A_view_Around_Brexit_and_Britains_membership_of_the_European_Convention_on_Human_Rights_ECHR.
- "Franco-Russian Rivalry in Africa: A Case Study of Cameroon." Available via Academia.edu.https://www.academia.edu/121937574/Franco_Russian_Rivalry_in_Africa_A_case_study_of_Cameroon.
- "Deportation of Cameroonian Asylum Seekers: The US Makes a Dramatic Regression in the Protection of Human Rights." Available via the Cameroon Intelligence Report.

CONFERENCES AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 24 June 2026: Guest Speaker, RESS (Research Enterprise Seminar Series), speaking on "Nowhere to Hide: The Impact of the Anglophone Crisis on Children and their education in Cameroon," at Birmingham City University.
- 04 March 2026: Guest Speaker, MAIR (master's in international relations) Research Seminar Series, University of Plymouth.
- 12 December 2025: Guest Speaker, 6th Annual Conference on Children and Youth, Cambridge, UK, speaking on "Nowhere to Hide: The Impact of the Anglophone Crisis on Children in Cameroon."
- 11-13 June 2024: Delivered "Cameroon and the Travails of Francophone Africa" at the University of Plymouth's MA International Relations Workshop: International Relations in an Era of War.
- 10 March 2022: Delivered a talk on the impact of human rights abuses in Central Africa, particularly Cameroon, on the immigration and refugee crisis at the University of Plymouth Law Clinic.
- 09 February 2022: Presented research on political and legal issues surrounding human rights challenges in Cameroon at the University of Plymouth International Centre workshop.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AND ACCREDITATION

January 2026 **May 2026**	Member, International Advisory Council, London Academy for Global Advancement (LAGA) Member of the Society of Legal Scholars
March 2026	Member of Liberty Human Rights
February 2026	Member, Association of Law Teachers (ALT)
February 2026	Professional Certificate in Artificial Intelligence Law, London School of Business and Administration
February 2026	Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA), AdvanceHE
March 2025	University Teaching Certificate, University of Hong Kong
December 2024	Certificate in Human Rights Education Training, USIDHR

January 2022	Level 3 Award in Education and Training (RFQ)
October 2021	CIPD HR Support Level 3
2019	Certificate in General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR), Foundation and Practitioner

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Marker | University of Plymouth, School of Society & Culture | *01 October 2023 - 10 October 2024*

- Assessed students' essays and allocated marks according to relevant marking guides.
- Worked in accordance with marking instructions, university policies and procedures.
- Provided accurate, positive and neutral feedback to support student improvement.
- Prepared comments to help students reflect on learning and identify strategies for academic development.

Regional SIA Trainer for South Midlands | Mitie Security Ltd | *01 October 2018 - 15 July 2024*

- Delivered accredited SIA training courses, including Door Supervisor, Security Guarding and CCTV Public Space Surveillance, in line with SIA and awarding body standards.
- Designed and adapted lesson plans, training materials and assessments to meet varied learner needs and maintain high pass rates.
- Conducted classroom and practical training sessions covering conflict management, physical intervention and emergency procedures.
- Ensured compliance with SIA licensing requirements, health and safety protocols and internal quality assurance standards.
- Prepared candidates for theoretical exams and practical assessments, monitoring and evaluating learning outcomes.
- Provided one-to-one coaching and learner support where additional guidance was required.
- Collaborated with internal and external quality assurance teams to maintain high training delivery standards.
- Maintained learner records and contributed to Ofqual-regulated audit processes.
- Key achievement: achieved a 95% pass rate across all courses over 12 months.
- Key achievement: supported over 300 learners to obtain SIA licences.
- Recognised by the awarding body during EQA inspection for consistently high-quality delivery and learner engagement.

Visiting Specialist on Human Rights | University of Plymouth Law Clinic | *01 February 2022 - 02 March 2024*

- Provided focused expertise on specialist human rights topics.
- Delivered training courses, seminars, documents, reports and other resources in a highly specialised area.
- Delivered one-off lectures and workshops to students.
- Participated in the research and expertise hub attached to the Law Clinic.
- Provided ongoing guidance and support to students attached to the Law Clinic.
- Drafted proposals around human rights activities and participated in their implementation.
- Guided and supervised law clinic students conducting client interviews, drafting legal documents and preparing case files, ensuring adherence to legal ethics and procedural accuracy.

SKILLS

• Legal research and writing (OSCOLA referencing)	• Public speaking and presentation	• Course planning and assessment
• Microsoft Office Suite	• Virtual learning environments including Moodle and Blackboard	• Data collection and analysis
• Report writing	• Communication and interpersonal skills	• Leadership and learner support
• Determination and decisiveness	• Self-motivation	• Creative and innovative working

INTERESTS

Music, current affairs, political debate, writing and football.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.