

CURRICULUM VITAE



1.1 PERSONAL PROFILE

Dr John Onyango Omboto (PhD), a Security and Correction Science Lecturer at Kenyatta University, is a University of Nairobi trained Criminologist - a Crime, Criminal Justice, and Offender Rehabilitation expert. He holds a PhD and Master of Arts Degrees in Criminology, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Public Administration, and a Distinction Diploma in Criminology and Social Order, all from the University of Nairobi. Dr. Omboto served the Kenya Prisons Service as a senior officer for over ten years before venturing into full time university teaching. Besides Kenyatta University, he has taught Criminology, Security Management and Sociology courses at the University of Nairobi, Egerton University, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Mount Kenya University and Chuka University.

During his work at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, he served as the Head, Criminology and Security Management Department. In Egerton University, Dr. Omboto taught at its Nairobi City Campus, Njoro Campus and in Juba, South Sudan. He also served the university as the Academic Leader for the MA Security Management Programme. At Chuka University Dr. Omboto teaches PhD courses in Criminology and Security Studies programme. At Kenyatta University, in addition to teaching, he has served as Examination Coordinator - Department of Security and Correction Science, Vice Chair - School of Security, Diplomacy and Peace Studies Post Graduate Committee, and as a member of the schools' programmes development committee, among other departmental committees. Dr. Omboto was among the Kenyatta University experts contracted in the year 2019 to develop training curricula and modules for all cadres of the Rwanda Correctional Service staff. He was part of a seven-member team who launched the training in Kigali on request of the Rwandan Government.

Dr Onyango Omboto has special interest in Criminology and Security Studies. In these broad areas, he has published several papers in peer reviewed journals. In addition, he has developed numerous learning modules for different universities in Kenya besides supervision and examination of MA and PhD theses. Some of his papers have been compiled into two books: 'Readings in Criminology and Security Studies': ISBN 978-9966-814-69-2 and 'Themes on Crime and criminal justice': ISBN: 978-9914-49-067-1. His other book is 'Challenges facing the control of drugs and substance abuse in prisons': ISBN 978-3-659-46266-5. Dr Omboto is a reviewer with the Journal of Criminological Research, Policy and Practice - a British based Emerald Publication, and Open Journal of Social Sciences- Scientific Research Publishing. He is a member of Professional Criminologists Association of Kenya (PCKA), Criminological Society of Africa (CRIMSA), Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) and Western Society of Criminology (WSC).

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Research Interest Areas:

- Criminological Issues.
- Penology and Rehabilitation of offenders.
- Security concerns.
- Drug and Substance Abuse related Issues.
- Police and Prison matters.

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1.1.2 Academic & Professional Qualifications

2014- 2020 **Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology (Criminology)**- University of Nairobi-Kenya.

2009-2010 **Master of Arts in Sociology (Criminology)** -University of Nairobi-Kenya.

1.2 PUBLICATIONS:

1.2.1 Referred Journal Papers from the Latest:

1. **Omboto John Onyango** (2023) Curse or Blessing in Reformation of Convicts? An Analysis of Imprisonment as a form of Punishment. London Journal of Research in Humanities and Social Sciences, Volume 23 | Issue 3 | Compilation 1.0.
2. **Omboto John Onyango** (2022) The Influence of Imprisonment on Recidivism in Kenya. IOSR Journal of Research & Method in Education (IOSR-JRME) e-ISSN: 2320–7388, p-ISSN: 2320-737x Volume 12, Issue 5 Ser. IV (Sep. – Oct. 2022), 34-40 www.iosrjournals.org
3. Mbuthia, Catherine Wambaire & **Omboto, John** (2022) Radicalization and De-Radicalization of the Youth against Violent Extremism in Murang'a County, Kenya. IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IOSR-JHSS) Volume 27, Issue 10, Series 3 (October, 2022) 01-06 e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845. www.iosrjournals.org
4. **Omboto, J. O.** (2022) An Analysis of Probation Service Order and Its Application in Kenya. Open Journal of Social Sciences, 10, 111-120. <https://doi.org/10.4236/jss.2022.104008>.
5. **John Onyango Omboto**, Gidraph G Wairire and Mike Chepkong'a (2020) The profile of recidivists in Kenya: The case of prisoners at Nairobi County prison institutions. *South African Journal of Criminal Justice*, Volume 33 Issue 3, p. 708 – 730 <https://doi.org/10.47348/SACJ/v33/i3a10> ISSN: 1996-2118
6. Rono, J K., Mwangi, S W., & **Omboto, J.** (2020). Analysis of the Capacity of Prison Security Structures on Inmate Escape Prevention in Nakuru Main Prison, Kenya. A Perspective of Junior Prison Officers. *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal*, 7(7) 843-851.
7. Njoroge, P., Mwangi, W., & **Omboto, J.** (2020). Effects of Prison Reforms on Reformation of Inmates in Nyandarua County Prisons, Kenya. *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal*, 7(7) 630-639.
8. Wasonga Willis, Mwangi Wokabi & **Omboto John** (2019). Impeded Parenthood: An analysis of the link between prisoners' coping mechanisms and reformation at Embu prison, - *Journal of International Academic Research for Multidisciplinary*, ISSN: 2320-5083, Volume 7, Issue 5, June 2019.
9. Ongere, I., Mukhwana, F., & **Omboto, J.** (2019). Strategies Adopted by The Adventist Centre in Enhancing Livelihood Sustainability Among Beneficiaries In Kibagare Slum. *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal*, 6(5) 122-127.

10. Wasonga Willis, Mwangi Wokabi, **Omboto John** (2019) Effect of Impeded Parenthood on Reformation of Offenders at Embu Prison, - *IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IOSR-JHSS) Volume 24, Issue 4, Ser. 2 (April. 2019) 65-77 e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845. www.iosrjournals.org*
11. **Omboto, J.O** (2019) Ineffective Policing in Kenya: Causes and Alleviation, *African Journal of Law and Criminology*, -AJLC Vol. 9 No. Pp 27-36 ISSN 2045-8525 (Online) ISSN-2045-8401(Print) Publishers: Century Publications, United Kingdom. Website: www.centurypublications.com.
12. Maratu, M., Mwangi, W., & **Omboto, J.** (2018). Practice of Kenyan Legal Codes and the Effective Application of Informal Controls and Sanctions in Maintaining Social Order. *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal*, 5(10) 30-36.
13. **Omboto, J.O** (2018) Economic Crimes: Factors Responsible for Rampant Fraud and Corruption in Kenya, *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal*, 5(10) 88-94.
14. Kimotho, F., Mwangi, W., & **Omboto, J** (2018) Effects of Occupational Strain among Police Officers to the General Security of a Community: A Case of Murang'a Town, Murang'a County, Kenya' *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal*, 5(9) 186-192.
15. **Omboto, J.O**, Wairire, G, Chepkong'a, M (2018) Linkages between Punishment and Recidivism in Kenya: Analysis of Factors Influencing Re-convictions in Kenya, *IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IOSR-JHSS) Volume 23, Issue 4, Ver. 7 (April. 2018) Pp 21-29. e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845. Journal Weblink-www.iosrjournals.org.*
16. **Omboto, J.O**, Wairire, G, Chepkong'a, M (2018) Linkages between Punishment and Recidivism in Kenya: Analysis of Typology and Severity of Recidivists' Crimes, *The International Journal of Humanities and Social Studies (ISSN 2321-9203) Volume 6, Issue 4, Pp 62-67. Journal Weblink-www.theijhss.com.*
17. **Omboto, J.O** (2017) The Nexus between Social Stigma and Crime, *The International Journal of Humanities and Social Studies (ISSN 2321-9203) Volume 5, Issue 7, Pp 240-244. Journal Weblink-www.theijhss.com.*
18. **Omboto, J.O** (2015) The capital offenders' punishment and Death Sentence Dilemma in Kenya, *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences Volume 4 No 9, Pp.95-98. Journal Weblink-www.ijsk.org/ijrss.*
19. **Omboto, J.O** (2013) Social Control and Crime Escalation in Kenya, *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences Volume 3 No 3, Pp. 52-57. Journal Weblink-www.ijsk.org/ijrss.*

20. **Omboto, J.O** (2013) Poverty and Greed in Perspective on Crimes, *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences Volume 2 No.4, Pp.34-38. Journal Weblink-www.ijsk.org/ijrss.*
21. **Omboto, J.O** (2013) The Paradox of Prison Reforms, *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences Volume 2 No.3, Pp.44-47. Journal Weblink-www.ijsk.org/ijrss.*
22. **Omboto, J.O** (2013) The challenges facing Rehabilitation of prisoners in Kenya and the mitigation strategies, *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences Volume 2 No.2, Pp.39-43. Journal Weblink-www.ijsk.org/ijrss.*
23. **Omboto, J.O, Ondiek, G, Odera, O, Ayugi, M.E** (2013) Factors Influencing Youth Crime and Juvenile Delinquency, *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences Volume 2, Pp. 18-21. Journal Weblink-www.ijsk.org/ijrss.*

1.2.3 Refereed Learning Modules:

2. **April, 2021**, I developed **e-learning module titled ‘Comparative Justice Systems’** for the students studying Security and Correction Science at **Kenyatta University**.
3. **January, 2021**, I developed **e-learning module titled ‘Criminal Justice System’** for the students studying Security and Correction Science at **Kenyatta University**.
4. **October, 2020**, I developed **e-learning module on Criminology**; a third-year course for students studying Criminology and Security Studies at **Egerton University**.
5. **November, 2019**, I developed a **module titled ‘Prison Management, Reforms and Rehabilitation’** for Rwanda Correctional Services (RCS) under **Kenyatta University**.
6. **November, 2019**, I developed a **module titled ‘Development and Management of Prison Enterprises’** for Rwanda Correctional Services (RCS) under **Kenyatta University**.
7. **April, 2018**, I developed **e-learning module on Victimology**; a Post Graduate Diploma unit in Probation Practice and Correctional Studies Programme offered at **Egerton University** for probation officers.
8. **September, 2017**, I developed **e-learning module on Security Investigations**; a fourth-year course for students studying Criminology and Security Studies at **Egerton University**.

1.2.2 Reviewed Conference Papers:

1. **On 24th June, 2022**, I presented a paper at the 4th International Business Research and Industrial Conference (IBRIC) titled: *'Control of Recidivism in Kenya through Economic Empowerment and Community Acceptance of Ex-convicts'*.

2. **On 30th March, 2017**, I presented a paper titled *'Alternative Strategies against Mal-functioning Criminal Justice System in Ensuring Security in Kenya'* at the 11th International Conference and Innovation week which run from 29th to 31st March 2017 at Egerton Main Campus- Njoro.

1.2.3 Non-Reviewed Conference Papers:

1. **On 16th to 21st July, 2018**, I attended the 5th World Congress of Geoversal Civilization organized by Organization Promoting Geoversal Civilization (OPGC) at Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC) in Nairobi. I presented a paper titled *'Embracing Geoversal civilization vital for Global harmony and sustainability'*.

1.2.5 Other Publications

Published opinion articles in daily / weekly newspapers- I have shared by knowledge and skills with the general public through publication of opinion articles in the newspapers. Some of the articles are:

1) **'Swift, Effective Punishment Can Control Rampant Crime in Kenya'**- *Published in the Standard Newspaper on Friday, February 4, 2022. Pg 18.*

2) **'Criminal Justice: It Is Wrong to Equate Pre-Trial Custody with Imprisonment'**-
Published by Nation Media Group online on Thursday, February 11, 2021

3) **'How Truants, Delinquents Become Hardcore Criminals'**- *Published opinion in the Nairobi Weekly Newspaper-April 23-29, 2021 Pg 30*

1.3 QUALITY TEACHING, LEARNING AND MENTORSHIP

1.3.1 Student Evaluations

My teaching delivery is always highly rated by students at various universities, at Kenyatta University the students evaluated me as follows:

1.SSC 034: Trans-National Crimes and Countering Violent Extremism- **Overall score-99.43%.**

2. SSC 102: Theories of Crime and Deviance- **Overall score-97.13 %.**

1.3.2 Trainings in Higher Education

1. On 6th to 15th August, 2018, I was trained on pedagogical skills at a Pedagogical Training Workshop organized by Partnership for Pedagogical Leadership in Africa (Pedal) at Panari Hotel-Nairobi. The training which was sponsored by UKaid and Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) and attended by lecturers from over ten (10) universities in Africa covered the following key areas: Technology Enhanced Learning, Transformative Curriculum and Learning Design, Pedagogical Models and Strategies, Leadership in Pedagogical Practice, Innovative Assessment, and Educational Foundations and Learning Theories.

1.3.3 Ongoing PhD and MA Supervisions

S/N	Students' Name	Year	Research Topic	State of Supervision
1.	C82/CTY/38888/2017 Oloo Charles Oduor	2021-	The Evolving Role of Private Security Industry and Its Implication on National Security in Kenya	On-going-PhD
2.	S201/MSA/PT/38890/2017 Victor Ochieng	2021-	Determinants of the spread of domestic terrorism in Mombasa County, Kenya	On-going-MA
3.	C82/CTY /21130/2020 Dickson Wekesa Simiyu	2022-	Physical Security Management Practices and Institutional Security in Public Boarding Secondary Schools in Tharaka Nithi County, Kenya	On-going-PhD

1.3.4 Supervision of Postgraduate Students

1.3.4.1 Masters

During my appointment as a lecturer, I have supervised the following Masters students who graduated at Kenyatta and Egerton Universities:

a) Supervision of MA Students at Kenyatta University

S/N	Students' Name	Year	Research Topic	State of Supervision
1.	S201/CTY/PT/27310/2019 Catherine Wambaire Mbutia	2021-	De-Radicalization as A measure of Countering Violent Extremism: A case of Murang'a County Kenya	Graduated in Dec 2022

b) Supervision of MA Theses at Egerton University

S/N	Students' Name	Year	Research Topic	State of Supervision
1.	AM21/0442/14 Felix Nyaga Kimotho	2016-2019	Effects of occupational strain on security management among police officers in Muranga Town, Muranga County –Kenya.	Graduated in June 2019.
2.	AM21/33596/14 Gilbert M. Maratu	2016-2019	Factors affecting effective application of informal crime controls in managing security in Chiakariaga Ward, Tharaka Constituency, Tharaka-Nithi County, Kenya.	Graduated in November 2019.
3.	AM20/025/11 Pauline Wambui Njoroge	2015-2020	The Extent and Effects of Prison reform on reformation of inmates in Nyandarua County Prisons, Kenya.	Graduated in July 2020.
5.	AM21/0135/12 Joash Kiprotich Rono.	2015- 2021	The Capacity of Existing Security Strategies in Preventing inmate Escapes in Nakuru Main Prison, Kenya.	Graduated in June 2021.
6.	AM20/33604/15 Willis Wasonga	2016- 2021	Effects of impeded parenthood on reformation of offenders at Embu prison.	Graduated in Dec 2021.

1.4 PROFESSIONAL/ CONSULTANCY

1.4.1 Consulting for Organizations/ Institutions

I have offered my expertise as follows:

1. **On 21/8/2023** I participated in Murang'a University's stakeholders' workshop for development of a PhD programme in Criminology and Security Studies.
2. **On 17/11/2022** I participated in Chuka University's stakeholders' workshop for development of a PhD programme in Criminology and Security Studies.

1.4.2 Membership to Academic/Professional Bodies

I have been a member of the following academic/ professional organizations:

- 1) Professional Criminologists Association of Kenya (PCKA)
- 2) Criminological Society of Africa (CRIMSA)
- 3) Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences-(ACJS) USA.
- 4) Western Society of Criminology-(WSC) USA.

1.4.3 Peer Review Engagement

1. **From January 2022 to date**- I have been engaged as a peer reviewer by Open Journal of Social Sciences- Scientific Research Publishing.

1.5 Administrative Responsibilities

1.5.1 Recognized University positions

1. **From 26th November, 2021 to date** - Appointed Departmental Examination Coordinator- Department of Security and Correction Science for duration of two years by Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic.

1.5.2 Other responsibilities in the University

- 1) **From 6th September, 2021 to December 2022**- Appointed a Member of School programme Development Committee- School of Security, Diplomacy and Peace Studies by Dean of the School.
- 2) **From 5th July, 2021 to December 2022**- Appointed a Member and Vice -Chair of School Post Graduate Committee- School of Security, Diplomacy and Peace Studies by Dean of the School.
- 3) **From December 2022 to date**- Appointed Chair of the Examination Committee in the Department of Security, Diplomacy and Peace Studies by the Chair of the Department.

- 4) **From December 2022 to date-** Appointed a Member of Linkages and Collaboration Coordinating, Research and Consultancy, and Website, Seminars, and Publications Committees in the Department of Security, Diplomacy and Peace Studies by the Chair of the Department.

1.6 Community Engagements and Other Contributions

1.6.1 Community Outreach

- 1) **From 7th March, 2022** - Appointed a Member of Board of Management of Bishop Okumu Secondary School by the County Director of Education-Kisumu County to serve for duration of three (3) years, ending 7th March, 2025.

1.7 Referees

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