

THE TREPIDATIONS OF AN AFRICAN PHD RESEARCHER

Who Are You and Why Are You Here?



This paper contributes to research that has a predominant focus on western researchers in the global South. Firstly, the paper examines how my African identity fits into a western discourse of being a researcher and their intersections with my other personalities as I world-travel. 'World-travelling' is about the plurality of selves and an opening for self-construction. Secondly, the paper elaborates on violence and intimidation in the field and how researchers may succeed or fail in negotiating such risks. As a non-native researcher in a UK-Based University, I acknowledge my plurality of selves, and the skills needed to navigate these social worlds.

**Presentation followed by
commentary, Q&A.**

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