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Emmanuel Balogun is an International Affairs Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations where he will work with the Department of State as a policy advisor on US-African relations. He is the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion fellow for Bridging the Gap. He was Principal Investigator for a Fulbright-Hays program grant. He occasionally writes for *The Washington Post*. Emmanuel has a Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Delaware.

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Emmanuel Balogun, PhD ([@EA_Balogun](#)) is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Skidmore College. His research focuses on African politics, especially how African countries engage with multilateralism to position themselves in international policy and trade. His new book, *Region-Building in West Africa: Convergence and Agency in ECOWAS* (Routledge 2022), shows how the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) influences regional governance by collaborating with bureaucrats and other regional stakeholders. Through this process he finds practitioners are able to create policy while deepening relationships with civilians.

As a scholar-practitioner, Emmanuel brings his research interests of international organizations, peace & security, and global health governance to the policy world. He is an International Affairs Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations as a policy advisor with the Department of State on US-African relations. Emmanuel is the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion fellow for Bridging the Gap, which helps researchers produce policy-relevant work. He was Principal Investigator for Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad program grant to help educators develop curriculums about Pan-African culture.

Emmanuel Balogun teaches in the Department of Political Science at Skidmore College. He is an affiliate of the Black Studies program. He received the 2021 Skidmore College President's Award for Excellence.

Emmanuel is a 1st generation Nigerian-American. He has a Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Delaware. He has an M.A. from Western Illinois University and a B.A. from New England College. Emmanuel has published and presented his research internationally. He occasionally writes for The Monkey Cage blog on *The Washington Post*.

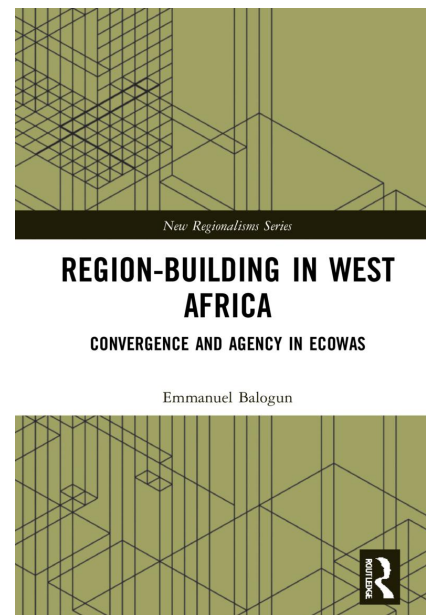
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BOOK

Region-Building in West Africa: Convergence and Agency in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

This book examines the role of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) practitioners in coordinating, creating, and managing regional governance practices in the areas of public health, peace and security, and micro-financial integration.

Since 1975, there have been many failed and successful attempts at unconstitutional government changes in West Africa. During this same period, numerous instruments have



been designed to promote peace and security in the region. This book examines the role of bureaucratic actors in the ECOWAS in harmonizing regional integration policy in West Africa. Using data from fieldwork in several countries in West Africa, Balogun observes how ECOWAS practitioners network and strategically engage regional stakeholders in Health, Peace and Security, and Finance as a means to deepen harmonization between ECOWAS member states and build a connection with civil society. Balogun argues that the founding conditions of ECOWAS set the organization on an institutional path to adapt its approaches to regional governance.

This work will prove useful to scholars of regionalism, region-building and institutions and to those studying West Africa more specifically.

[Pre-order from Routledge, forthcoming May 20, 2022.](#)

Read Emmanuel's other [publications](#).

OTHER PHOTOS



MEDIA

- The study abroad program Emmanuel started which brought students to Accra, Ghana was featured in ["Inclusion goes global at Webster University."](#) in St. Louis Magazine, February 6, 2020
- Podcast appearance on ["What's Next for Sudan,"](#) an episode of BBC's The Inquiry, May 9, 2019

- Television appearance for an interview on “Reactions to Death of Former UNSG Kofi Annan” on the Ghana Morning Show (Group Ndoum Television Accra), aired August 20, 2018
- Radio appearance for an interview on “Race, Gender, and the Presidency: United States and Ghana” on Class 91.3 FM Accra, aired August 17, 2018