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Professional Summary

I am a philosopher and transdisciplinary researcher examining how diverse forms of knowledge and rationality can be legitimized and integrated into more effective governance and responses to ecological crises under uncertainty. My research focuses on how societies produce, contest, and govern knowledge amid uncertainty, and explores the tensions between standardized scientific methodologies and local knowledge systems. I argue for a context-based, reflexive, and pluralistic approach to science co-creation and governance.

Conference and Workshop Participation

1. **June 27–28, 2025** – *Understanding Biodiversity Conference*, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Romania.
Paper: *Can Biodiversity Thrive in a Risk Society?*
2. **June 19–20, 2025** – *Science for Engagement: Understanding Science Co-Creation in Climate and Environmental Research*, Newcastle University, UK.
Paper: *Why Scientific Dialogue Matters (and When It Does Not)*
3. **March 28–29, 2025** – *Scholars Workshop on Decomposition: Processes of Decay, Collapse, and Reorganization*, Umwelt Center for Germanic Studies & Environmental Humanities, The Ohio State University, USA.
Paper: *Between Decomposition and Eternal Recurrence: Philosophies of “Becoming” in a Changing Climate.*
4. **November 28–29, 2024** – *Congress of the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences*, Murdoch University, Australia.
Paper: *Co-Creating Science with African Intellectual Heritage: Towards Inclusive Knowledge Systems.*
5. **November 12, 2024** – *Contemporary Structural Challenges in Political Philosophy II*, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest.
Paper: *Climate Reparations: Addressing Historical Responsibility and the Burden of Vulnerability in African Communities.*

6. **October 28–29, 2024** – *Understanding and Assessing Climate Change*, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich, Germany.
Paper: *Bayesian Inference: A Response or Counter-Method to Traditional Probabilistic Reasoning in Climate Science.*
7. **October 8, 2024** – *African Perspectives in the Foundations of Social Science*, University of Bucharest.
Paper: *Scientific Ignorance and Democracy in African and Afro-Descended Communities.*
8. **September 11, 2024** – *East European Network for Philosophy of Science Workshop*, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland.
Paper: *Marketplace-Based Thinking: A Philosophical Explanation.*
9. **June 2–7, 2024** – *NMBU Ph.D. Course*, Norwegian School of Life Sciences, Oslo, Norway.
Paper: *Africa and the Green Transition: Decolonising Policies.*
10. **November 22, 2023** – *Extreme Weather Group Seminar Series*, School of Engineering, Newcastle University, UK.
Paper: *Ethical Challenges in Attribution Methodologies.*
11. **September 12–14, 2023** – *ACCESS Summer School 2023*, Dartington, Devon, UK.
Paper: *Essentialism and Crisis: An Inevitable (Re)Introduction.*
12. **September 6, 2023** – *Extreme Weather Group Lecture Series*, Newcastle University, UK.
Paper: *Beyond Extreme Events: A Prelude to Future Generations.*
13. **July 17–21, 2023** – *PEACE–R2UK Summer School*, Newcastle University, UK.
Poster: *Decolonizing Water Use and Co-Managing Climate Change.*
14. **June 2023** – *Introduction to Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (ILTHe)*, Newcastle University, UK.
15. **April 17, 2023** – *NUCoRE Workshop on Climate and Environmental Resilience*, Newcastle University, UK.
Paper: *Emerging Epistemologies for Nature Conservation.*
16. **April 2023** – *Danish International Development Agency Fellowship*, Denmark.
Topic: *Environmental Governance at Local Levels.*
17. **October 25, 2022** – *Climate Comprehension Composition Lecture Series*, Aarhus University, Denmark.
Keynote: *Towards a Thinking Community: Climate Adaptation for All.*
18. **October 11–12, 2022** – *iClimate Workshop*, Tinghallen Viborg, Denmark.
Paper: *Climate Determinism and the Broken Paradigm.*
19. **May 29, 2022** – *CELFIS Lecture Series*, University of Bucharest, Romania.
Paper: *Metaphysics of Time in African Philosophy.*

20. **May 25–28, 2022** – *Summer School on Inclusive Approaches to Medical Humanities*, National and Kapodistrian University, Athens, Greece.
 21. **June 22–26, 2022** – *Bucharest Summer School on the Doctor–Patient Relationship*, University of Bucharest, Romania.
 22. **April 17, 2018** – *FAHSHANU Conference*, Tai Solarin University of Education, Nigeria.
Paper: *A Jurisprudential Analysis of Plato’s Allegory of the Ring of Gyges and Cybercrime in Nigeria.*
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Publications

Under Review

1. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas. *Anthropomorphism in Climate Ethics: Epistemic Risks and Rhetorical Opportunities*. *Revue Roumaine de Philosophie* (under review).
2. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas. *Dialogical Justice under the Palaver Tree: An Afrocentric Reimagining of Masculinities for Climate Action*. *Filosofia Unisinos* (under review).
3. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas et al. *Linguistic Norms and the Struggle for Epistemic Authority*. *Analele Universităţii din Craiova, Seria Filosofie* (under review).
4. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas et al. *Decolonising Water Use and Co-Managing Climate Impacts*. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society* (under review).
5. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas et al. *Bayesian Inference as an Epistemic Tool for Climate Science*. *Symposion* (under review).

Accepted / Forthcoming

1. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas. *Science Reimagined: Pluralism for Climate Justice*. *Philosophical Alternatives* (forthcoming, Issue 5/6).
2. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas. *Parfit’s Greater Impersonality and the Question of Climate Solidarity Pact*. *Filosofska Dumka (Philosophical Thought)* (forthcoming, 2025).
3. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas et al. *Climate Justice at the Crossroads: Responsibility, Equity, and the Ethics of Loss and Damage*. *Journal of Environmental Ethics* (forthcoming).
4. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas. *Debating a Causal Link between Climate Scepticism and Citizen Engagement*. *Journal of Ethics and the Environment* (accepted).
5. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas. *Ibuanyidanda Philosophy and Decolonial Climate Governance: Toward an Open Society for Climate Action*. *Revista Română de Filosofie Analitică* (forthcoming).

Published

1. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas (2025). *Essentialism and Environmental Crisis: An Inevitable (Re)Introduction*. *Revista Română de Filosofie Analitică*, 16(2), 143–170.
 2. Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas (2023). *Analogical Reasoning and the Question of Climate Change Litigation*. *Romanian Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, XIII(1–2).
 3. Akpan, Samuel Basse & Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas (2019). *Enyimba's Notion of Madukaku and the Question of Anthropocentrism in African Environmental Ethics*. *International Journal of Environmental Pollution & Modelling*, 2(1).
 4. Bubu, Ncha Gabriel & Pimaro Jr, Micah Thomas (2019). *The Justice of the Being-for-Itself and the Niger Delta Problem*. *International Social Mentality and Researcher Thinkers Journal*, 5(21), 1064–1071.
 5. Thomas, Micah et al. (2016). *The Idea of Unintended Ethnocentric Commitment and Scientific Objectivity*. *IGWEBUIKE: An African Journal of Arts and Humanities*, 2(5).
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Grants Awarded

1. **Doctoral Fund Award**, University of Bucharest, Romania (2022)
Guest Ph.D. Research Visit, Aarhus University.
 2. **SAGE Internal Funding**, Newcastle University (2023)
Workshop: Climate Change and Future Generations: Are Our Obligations Truly of Justice?
 3. **HaSS Research Institute Funds**, Newcastle University (2024)
Project: Eco-Futures: Bridging Generations for Resilient Western Newcastle upon Tyne.
 4. **SAGE Internal Funding**, Newcastle University (2025)
Participatory Fund: Science for Engagement Conference, 2025.
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Teaching Experience

University of Calabar, Nigeria

May 2018 – September 2021

Courses Taught:

- Introduction to Ethics
 - Introduction to Logic
 - History & Philosophy of Science
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University of Bucharest, Romania

- *October 2024: Understanding Causation in Virtual Reality*
 - *October 2025: Climate Justice*
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Professional Experience & Academic Activities

1. *July 2024 – July 2025: Visiting Researcher, Centre for Climate and Environmental Resilience, Newcastle University, UK.*
 2. *June 2025: Organizer, Early Career Researchers (ECR) Conference, Newcastle University – “Understanding Science Co-Creation in Climate & Environmental Research.”*
 3. *January 2023 – Present: Convener, Science for Engagement Conference, Newcastle University.*
 4. *October 2024: Co-organizer, Workshop on African Perspectives in the Foundations of Social Science, University of Bucharest.*
 5. *January 2024: Organizer, Workshop on Climate Change and Future Generations: Are Our Obligations Truly of Justice?, Newcastle University.*
 6. *July 2023: Member, Students’ Organizing Committee, PEACE–R2UK Summer School, Newcastle University.*
 7. *June 2017: Member, Organizing Committee, NALT Conference, Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK), Nigeria.*
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Professional Memberships

- Tyndall Centre for Climate Change
- Institute for New Economic Thinking
- East European Network for Philosophy of Science
- Political Philosophers Association of Nigeria
- Faculty of Arts and Humanities Scholars Association of Nigerian Universities