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## Research Project

### Rural Liberia in the Age of Developmentalism: Policies, Politics, Imaginations and Constraints, c. 1950 to 1980

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My current project "Rural Liberia in the Age of Developmentalism: Policies, Politics, Imaginations and Constraints, c. 1950 to 1980", explores the country's policies and practices of postwar state-sponsored agricultural development. It argues that while agricultural development, in particular rural mass education, was a critical facet in the spatial transformation of statehood in postwar Liberia, the development frontier also functioned as a critical space for the professionalisation and career-building of African-American agriculturists leading into the period of decolonisation. The project is being supported by the Marie Heim-Vögtlin Fund of the Swiss National Science Foundation.

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