I am an anthropological archaeologist specializing in African archaeology. For the past 15 years my research has focused on Holocene archaeology of West and Central Africa. Therefore, I am willing to supervise any research on the archaeology of Africa on any topic from over the past 10,000 years. Below you can find a series of potential research areas for which I have particular expertise:

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**African Archaeology**

* The archaeology of the Bantu Expansion
* The archaeology of Late Stone Age autochthonous hunter-gatherers
* The archaeology of early African Kingdoms (Kongo Kingdom, etc.)
* Atlantic era and European contact archaeology
* Application of historical documents and oral histories
* The production, decoration, and use of pottery (including ethnographic research)
* Early Iron production
* The domestication of plants and animals (including the earliest African agriculture and pastoralism)

**Social/Environmental Interaction**

* Palaeoclimate reconstruction with faunal, botanical, and geochemical proxies
* Adaption of social institutions due to environmental changes
* Shifts in subsistence practices, including hunting-gathering, fishing, agriculture, and pastoralism

**Urbanism and ‘Complex Societies’**

* The emergence of Urbanism
* Unique forms of African urbanism
* The archaeology of monumental architecture, including tumuli, megaliths, etc.

**Cultural Patrimony**

* The preservation of cultural heritage in the face of climate change
* Debates on the restitution of African cultural heritage
* Nationalism and the use of history in politics