

# Adamu Sadat Bole



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### **Education or Qualification:**

PhD candidate (History), University of Ghana, Legon-Accra, Ghana, 2018 -  
Ongoing

M.A (Historical Studies), University of Madras, Chennai-Tamil Nadu, India 2014  
- 2016

B.A. (History & Information Studies), University of Ghana, 2008 - 2012

### **Research interests:**

I am an environmental/extractive industry historian with special interest in the Oil and Gas (petroleum) history of Ghana and other West Africa nations. My

research interest also includes issues on capital and labour migration of Indians to West Africa.

**Academic distinctions:**

Recipient of Adjaye Endowment Scholarship in History (AESH) for 2018/2019 academic year to pursue Ph.D. (History).

Recipient of Government of India Scholarship in 2014 under the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) to pursue a 2-year Master of Arts programme in Historical Studies.

**Research abstract:**

The exploration, discovery, and production of oil and gas (petroleum) in Ghana is seen by Ghanaians as an unequalled opportunity for boosting the nations spending on job creation, education, agriculture, and infrastructural development for accelerated economic and social development. Since 2010, the petroleum sector has contributed more than 3 million dollars to the Ghanaian economy (Ghana National Petroleum Corporation). However, the discovery of this natural resource came after almost a century of relentless search for the black gold. But how much do we know about the history of oil and gas (petroleum) exploration before the discovery in commercial quantity in 2007? This research examines the early history of Ghana's petroleum industry, its steady growth and its initial challenges. It also examines why there was no national plan to produce manpower and comprehensive legal and conceptual framework for the petroleum industry before discovery. This research relates to the ensuing debate and asks the question: Does a strong presence of natural resource intensive sector constitute hindrance for socioeconomic development?

**Professional Associations:**

- Ghana Studies Association (GSA)
- Historical Society of Ghana (HSG)
- Indian Historical Society (HIS)
- Satyagraha Institute
- African Economic History Network (AEHN)
- Young Scholars Initiative (YSI)