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“*The Lived Experiences of African International Students in the UK* provides insightful and topical analysis of international students’ experiences of insecure work. It contributes to the debates in law and socio-legal studies, focusing on the inconsistencies between the desire to attract highly-skilled migrants and the neoliberal policies that create low-pay and low-skilled employment in a deregulated labour market.” —Dr Sanna Elfving, University of Bradford, UK

This study presents the findings from an investigation of the lived experiences of international students from sub-Saharan Africa in the United Kingdom. It demonstrates their reactions to immigration rules, the restrictive approaches to employment status, and how their legal consciousness is impacted by their precarious employment position.

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