



The Annual International Igbo Conference





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The Igbo conference aims to promote the study of Igbo language and culture within & beyond the UK, and seeks to bring academics and members of the community together for the purpose of knowledge sharing & exchange.



Our Mission

The conference has carved out a unique space, serving as a bridge between the community and academia. In the last eight years, the conference has created discussions amongst contributors from all over the world.

Our ultimate goal is to establish an Igbo studies centre in London which will act as a hub for anyone interested in research in the field of Igbo studies (through a library, archive, museum and study space), as well as providing an online resource for members of the public to learn more about Igbo heritage and culture (through access to artefacts and interactive resources).



Structure

The conference structure is made up of interactive sessions, lectures, paper presentations, conversation sessions, master-classes and workshops, Film screenings, performances (choral performances, traditional dances and masquerades). This varied structure appeals to a range of audiences.



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The Organisers

The Igbo Conference is organised by the **Igbo Studies Initiative**, in association with the Centre of African Studies at SOAS, University of London and City, University of London.



Audience profile

Professionals, Students, Academic staff, members of the wider community and people interested in Igbo as well as African culture.

The ages of the attendees vary, although they generally fall into two main groups: **The 21-45 year olds and the 50-75 year olds.**



Audience interaction is a major part of our events.



8 Successful Conferences so far

2012 : Igbo Language & the Diaspora: Prospects and Challenges

2013 : Igbo Language and Performance: The relationship and relevance of language and culture in Performance

2014 : Igbo Heritage: Production, Diffusion and Legacy

2015 : Igbo Womanhood, Womanbeing and Personhood

2016 : Igbo Fusions: Past, Present and Futures

2017 : Legacies of Biafra: Reflections on the Nigeria-Biafra war 50 Years on

2018 : 'Memory, Culture and Community: Remembering the past, imagining the future

2019 : The Igbo Arts and Its Intersections: Politics, Spirituality and Justice



Other Events

- **2014** A symposium marking the 50th anniversary of the publication of Chinua Achebe's *Arrow of God*.
- **2014** A book launch of Okey Ndibe's *Foreign Gods*.
- **2015** A series of talks on aspects of Igbo Studies as part of CAS's Africa Seminar Series.
- **2015 & 2016** Symposium at Africa Writes Festival (in collaboration with the Royal Africa Society)
- **2017** Book Presentation of *The Asaba Massacre*
- **2018** Celebrating Buchi Emecheta (in collaboration with the *Buchi Emecheta Foundation*)
- **2018** Legacies of Biafra Art Exhibition (in collaboration with the *Nigeria Arts Society UK*)
- **2018** Pop Up at Ake Book and Arts Festival, Nigeria.
- **2019** Pop Up at Mboka Festival of Arts, Gambia.
- **2019** Pop Up at Lagos Studies Conference, UNILAG, Nigeria.
- **2019** Documentary Film Premiere of *OGBUNIGWE : Voices of Wounded Biafra Veterans*
- **2019** Palm wine Evening : An African Experience

Videos

Selected talks from our past conferences
are featured on our Youtube channel at

www.youtube.com/igboconference



Over the Years, we have welcomed many notable personalities to The Annual International Igbo conference including

Chimamanda Adichie

Pat Utomi

Oby Ezekwesili

'Charlyboy' Charles Oputa

Nnedi Okoroafor

Peter Obi

Douglas Chambers

and so on





The Igbo Archive

Our future goals are to build both a digital and physical archive of Igbo heritage and culture.

Plans are already underway to build the online archive first and we will be partnering with University College London (UCL) and the University of Sussex to do so.

Amongst other things, the online archive will include the following

- Pre and Post Colonial Igbo history
- Online Gallery of Igbo artefacts
- Biographies of both notable and ordinary people
- Find your Town search index of Igbo towns and villages
- Oral history collections of Igbo people at home and abroad
- And so on....



Annual International Igbo Conference 2020 July 2-4, 2020



Our 9th Annual International Igbo Conference will be held (*for the first time in Nigeria*) at The University of Nigeria Nsukka. The theme is **Igbo Mobilities**, which seeks to explore the financial, cultural and intellectual impact and influence of the Igbo both locally and globally.



Partnership Opportunities

We always welcome partnerships of different kinds to advance our various Igbo Studies and heritage projects.

For inquiries, details, or further opportunities, please contact us at **info@igboconference.com**



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