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Theme:

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN POLITICS, HIGHER EDUCATION, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

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Contemporary global human society has her good and bad news. Some of the good news relate to continuous improvements in development indices, life expectancy, access to information in real time, speedy tracking of diseases by sequencing the DNA of primary causal agents, ease of tracking sources of insecurity, massive improvements in higher education outputs, improved structures that ensure more accountable politics, and so on. Some of the bad news include retrogressive return to populism and nationalism, fear of human extinction due to advanced AI- systems, increased violence, racial and neo-racial discriminatory activities, and so on. Between these good and bad indices on a global scale, it is crucial to continue to explore how specifically Africa is fairing and what the continent is contributing to both sides of the news. And beyond arguments by Africanists and Afro-centrists in praise of traditional societies in Africa, how can societies in Africa improve accountability in politics, better outputs from institutions of higher education, better security, and overall improvement in human wellbeing? Put another way, what are the issues that are preventing African states from improving their indices in these four regards? These two questions capture the rationale for this conference. To explore answers to these questions, we invite researchers and practitioners from all fields of study and from around the globe, to join us in exploring some of the causal issues behind the state of contemporary Africa in terms of politics, higher education, security management, and development. Prospective contributors can be guided by the following sub-themes:

SUB-THEMES:

1. Quality research and patents, politics in research funding, and development in Africa
2. Politics of language and identity crises in development education in Africa
3. Federal character principle, higher education management, and quality workforce
4. Traditional knowledge systems and the 21st century development demands in Africa
5. Higher education, accreditation processes, and social responsibility in universities
6. Blame game, responsibility questions, and underdevelopment in Africa
7. Cyber security management, data safety and development
8. Linguistics, literature and national development
9. Financial conflicts, debt management and development in Africa
10. Peace education, fundamentalism, disposition to violence, and development.
11. New media, change and development
12. Higher education, technologies, social movements, and social change
13. Higher education, mentorship and career development
14. Science, education and modern technologies in the 21st century
15. ICT, science, language, and development agenda in Africa
16. Security and Safety issues in tourism development in Africa
17. Kidnapping, insurgency and mental health in sub-Saharan Africa
18. Psychological and resilience issues among caregivers and victims of violence in Africa
19. Health security, immigration of health workers, and psychological services in Africa
20. Climate change, food (in)security, and security concerns in sub-Saharan Africa

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- **Deadline for paper Abstract submission:** 30 April 2023
- **Affiliation and Contact:** Full name, email address, and affiliation(s) are mandatory for each author.
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- **Font and Body:** Times New Roman, 12 font, single paragraph, single-spaced in MS Word, maximum of 200 words (excluding name of author(s), contacts details, and title).
- **Means of submission:** sgs.conference@unn.edu.ng **AND** akogwu.abah@unn.edu.ng
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- **Zoom Options:** Zoom links will be made available to registered participants in due course.
- **Post-conference publication(s):** Papers to be selected after the conference will be peer reviewed and published in a special issue of *Journal of Liberal Studies (JoLS)*, School of General Studies, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, which is an A-class national journal. Details about this will be provided after the conference.

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