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Announces her

2023 HYBRID INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Theme

IDENTITY POLITICS, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
AND POLICY OPTIONS IN AFRICA

**30 - 31
MARCH
2023**



Theatre A, School of General Studies Building,
University of Nigeria, Nsukka

Rationale

More than 60 years after independence by several states in Africa, the narratives, facts, and figures regarding development crises in the continent have remained dissatisfying and in fact humiliating. In many cases, policy options in majority of African states are determined by ethnic, religious, and other divisive identity options, rather than by planned efforts to improve human lives and wellbeing on the continent. Despite these negative indices, several scholars of African origin are bent on spreading theories to the effect that persons and groups have been conspiring against Africa. By doing this, such authors play down on the extremely negative impacts of misdirected identity politics on policy adoptions and implementation in Africa, and on human development. It has become urgent to improve our self-reflexive understanding of the effects of identity politics on sustainable development and policy processes in Africa. We are therefore inviting researchers and practitioners from the arts, humanities, social sciences, and indeed all disciplines of human enterprise around the globe, to participate in this reflection. Some of the questions we aim to address during the conference are: How can identity politics in its widest form of conceptualization, enhance our understanding of justice, migration policies, and international relations in Africa and beyond? How is the same principle a key to understanding and realizing each of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? Can reflections on identity politics provide new perspectives and frameworks for understanding recurrent issues addressed by scholars in African studies in general, and philosophical engagements in Africa, in particular? To what extent is identity politics a weakening cloak attached to the nature and sustainability of democracy in Africa and beyond? These and closely related questions are the reasons the department of Philosophy, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, is organizing her 2023 academic conference with the following details:

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

PROF. JONATHAN C. TAYLOR

University of Liberia

CHIEF HOST

PROFESSOR CHARLES A. IGWE

Vice Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Nsukka

CO-HOST

PROFESSOR IKE E. ONYISHI

Dean, Faculty of the Social Sciences, UNN

LEAD PAPER PRESENTER

PROF BERNARD MATOLINO

University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

SPECIAL GUEST:

MR. LAMINE SOW

Education Specialist, UNESCO Regional office, Abuja.

HOST

DR. MICHAEL ANYAEHIE

*Head, Department of Philosophy,
University of Nigeria, Nsukka*

DR. ANTHONY C. AREJI

Chairman, Organizing Committee

CHRISTIAN N. ONOJA

Secretary, Organizing Committee (08109449866)

Sub-Themes

1. Identity Politics, Racial Injustice, Migration Policies, and International Relations
2. Identity Politics, Party Systems, Elections, and Sustainable Democracy
3. Identity Politics, Epistemic Injustice, Decolonization Theses, and African Studies
4. Identity politics, Cultural Education, and presentation of History and Arts in Africa
5. Identity politics, Ethnic Nationalism, Border Invasion, and Secessionist Agitations
6. Identity politics, Globalization, Global governance, and Weapon Control Mechanisms
7. Identity politics and Africa-Asian Economic ties
8. Identity Politics and Resource Allocation
9. Identity Politics, Vaccine Nationalism, and Vaccine Cosmopolitanism
10. Cultural and Religious Identities, and Conspiracy Theories
11. Cultural Politics, Gender Equity and Wage-Gap, and Human Rights in Africa
12. Identity Politics, Anti-Corruption, Dependency of state institutions, and SDGs
13. Identity Politics, Resource allocation and Acts, and SDGs
14. Identity Politics, Ethno-Philosophical Currents, and Intercultural Studies
15. Identity politics, UNESCO on Higher education, Peace Building, and Conflict Management.

Call for Papers

Interested participants are to be guided by the following:

- **Deadline for paper Abstract submission:** 25 March 2023
- **Affiliation and Contact:** Full name, email address, and affiliation(s) are mandatory for each author.
- **Language:** All Abstracts must be written in English, and full papers and presentations will also be done in English.
- **Font and Body:** Times New Roman, 12 font, single paragraph, single-spaced in MS Word, maximum of 300 words (excluding authors, contacts, and title).
- **Means of submission:** philosophy.unn@unn.edu.ng AND : christian.onoja@unn.edu.ng
- **Registration details:** Authors of accepted abstracts will be expected to pay any of the following class of fees that applies to them:
 - Regular Nigerian participants: NGN10,000.00.
 - International participants: \$30.
 - Bank details: Bank Name: Access Bank Plc.; Acct. Nr.: 0019404944; Acct. Name: Department of Philosophy, UNN
- **Zoom Options:** This will be provided in due course, prior to the conference dates.
- **Post-conference publication(s):** High quality and original presentations from the conference will be published in a special issue of *UCHE Journal*, department of philosophy, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, which is an A-class national journal.