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Osun State University, Osogbo, Nigeria

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

on

The Role of Social Identities in Inter-Religious Dialogue in Nigeria

Faculty of Arts Boardroom,
University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos,

25th – 28th
February, 2025

Host

Prof. Ilupeju Akanbi Mudasiru

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CONCEPT NOTE

The Africa Globally Connected Religious Plurality Project based at the University of Munster, Germany in partnership with its research associates from the University of Birmingham, Osun State University, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, University of Gaston Berger and Makerere University is organizing a two day workshop on the role of social identities in inter-religious arrangements across Nigeria. The workshop is scheduled for 25-28 February 2025. The Africa Globally Connected research project is part of the "Religion and Politics Cluster of Excellence Network" (DFG Project Number: EXC 2060/1) at the University of Münster. It is a transcontinental and comparative research collaboration on the role of social identities in mediating Muslim-Christian-ATR relations in contemporary Africa and it is premised on the fact that religion is an engine of political and social change across the world.

Drawing on this research partnership, the central question, which the workshop seeks to address, is: How do social identities inform the ways in which Christians, Muslims and practitioners of African Traditional Religion assert, bridge and accommodate religious differences in Nigeria's plural religious settings?

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 <https://www.unescouniosun.org/lagosworkshop/2025>

Confirmed Paper Presenters:



for International Workshop on The Role of Social Identities in Inter-Religious Dialogue in Nigeria

1. **Prof. AbdulRasaq Kilani**, Chief Imam, University of Port Harcourt. *Navigating Interfaith Relations in the Niger Delta: Reflections and Lessons*.
2. (a) **Rev. Prof. Sunday Bobai Agang**, ECWA Theological Seminary, Jos & Research Fellow, Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology Department, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.
(b) **Prof. Danny McCain**, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Jos. *Religious Violence in Northern Nigeria: A Theological Reflection*.
3. **Oba Dr Adedayo Adekoya**, the Legusen of Ode Ule Kingdom, Ogun State and the President of Isele Worldwide. *Traditional Values and Religious Pluralism in Nigeria*.
4. **Hajia Khadijah Hawaja Gambo**, Peace Ambassador, Activist and Ag. Executive Vice Chairman/CEO, Kaduna State Peace Commission. *Deradicalization, Interfaith dialogue and Female Participation in Radical Movements in Northern Nigeria: A Focus on the Kaduna State Peace Commission*
5. **Prof Temitope Balogun and Dr. Adeola Faleye**, Team Members, UNESCO-IFCD-UNIOSUN Cultural Project. *Yoruba Indigenous Oral Performances and the Mediation of Interfaith Cohesion in Southwest Nigeria*.
6. **Prof. Dan Chukwu**, Nnamdi Azikwe University, *Traditional Belief System and Interfaith Relations in Southeast Nigeria*.
7. **Dr. Oluseyi Atanda**, Physician, Surgeon, Ifa Priest and President, Traditional Religion Worshippers Association of Osun State. *Indigenous Healing Systems and Interfaith Relations in Yorubaland*.
8. **Alhaja Taiwo Obagun-Abdussalam**, Ahmadiya Muslim Women Association, Lagos. *The Social Dynamics of Interfaith Relations among Secondary School Teachers in Lagos State*.
9. **Prof. Haruna Abubakar**, Muslim Cleric and Director of Research, Maryam Abacha American University, Kano. *Religious Extremism and Interfaith Dialogue in Northwest Nigeria*.
10. **Prof. Mikail Folorunso**, Chief Imam, Ansar- Ud-Deen, Osogbo. *Towards Unifying the Ummah for National Peace*.
11. **Dr Lydia Bosede Akande**, Associate Professor of Church History and Interfaith Relations, Lagos State University. *Convergence and Divergence in the Practice of African Religion, Islam and Christianity in Contemporary Nigeria*.
12. **Dr. Jude Nwabueze**, KSM, University of Abuja and Former President Arch-Diocesan Council of St. Jude Society, Abuja. *The Social Dynamics of Interfaith Relations in Northcentral Nigeria: The University of Abuja Experience*.
13. **Dr. Daniel Olisa Iweze**, Expert on Boko Haram Insurgency in Northern Nigeria, University of Benin. *The Kano Covenant, Interfaith Peacebuilding and the establishment of a Faith-based IDP Camp for Victims of Boko Haram at Uhogua Camp in Edo State*.
14. **Prof. Frank Amugo**, Rivers State University. *Interfaith Conflict Resolution Strategies in the Niger Delta*.

Moderators:

1	Prof. Dorothea Shultz	University of Munster	2	Prof. Insa Nolte	University of Birmingham
3	Prof. Olukoya Ogen	Osun State University	4	Dr. Souleymane Diallo	University of Munster
5	Dr. Nibert Litoing	Hekima University College, Nairobi	6	Dr. Rodrigue Naortanga	Institut de Théologie, Abidjan

Workshop Travel Fellowship / Grant:

The Africa Globally Connected Religious Plurality Project will offer workshop travel grants to participants whose abstracts and full papers are accepted for the workshop. The grant covers registration, conference materials, air tickets / ground transportation, meals, accommodation and a modest honorarium.

Publication:

Selected papers of high quality will be peer-reviewed and process further for publication after the workshop.

Secretariat and Communique:

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