



Pan Africanism - Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future

Conference Program - Saturday 2nd June 2018, 2 PM, St. Antony's College

The Oxford University Africa Society focuses on African affairs at the University of Oxford. It seeks to set the agenda for the future of the African Continent by providing a platform for students hailing from or interested in Africa to critically engage. Above all, it is a community of change agents passionate about Africa. For its 60th anniversary, the Africa Society will hold a half day conference on the theme 'Pan Africanism, Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future'.

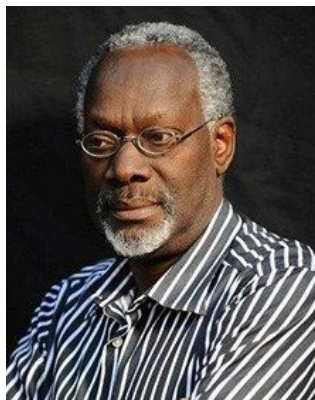
Speakers



Ambassador Abena Busia (event chair)

*Ambassador of Ghana to the Federative Republic of Brazil
Chair, Department of Women and Gender Studies,
Rutgers University, USA*

Prof. Abena Busia was born in Accra, and spent her childhood in Ghana, Holland and Mexico, before her family finally settled in Oxford, England, where she read for a B.A. in English Language and Literature at St. Anne's College, Oxford. She was involved with the Africa Society for a period spanning almost 10 years. She is now is the Chair of Women's and Gender Studies at Rutgers, position she has paused after her appointment as the Ghanaian High Commissioner in Brazil. In addition to being a teacher, she is a poet and short story writer.



Prof. Kole Omotoşo (keynote speaker)

*Dean, Faculty of Humanities
Elizade University, Nigeria*

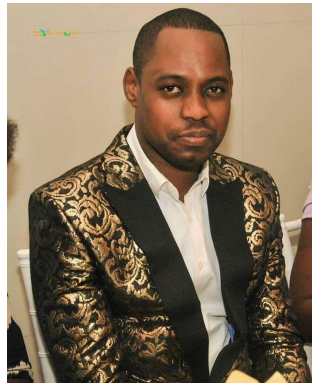
Prof. Kole Omotoşo is a Nigerian writer and intellectual, he first lectured on Arabic studies in Ibadan before moving to Ife to work in drama. The controversy following his 1988 novel *Just Before Dawn* led him to leave Nigeria. He spent the following two decades in South Africa and lectured at various universities. He participated in a conference organised in 1989 by the Africa Society: *Writers in Crisis Societies*. Omotoso is now back in Nigeria and continues his academic career at Elizade University.



Prof. Patricia Daley

*Professor of the Human Geography of Africa,
School of Geography, University of Oxford, UK*

Prof. Patricia Daley was born in rural Jamaica and moved to UK during her childhood. Her connection to Oxford and to the Africa Society dates back to her doctorate degree, completed in 1989. Her research explores the intersection between development, forced migration, gender, warfare, and the environment in Sub-Saharan Africa. She is now a member of the school of Geography and the Helen Morag Tutor at Jesus college.



Dr. Tunde Oseni

*Head, Department of Politics & International Relations
Lead City University, Nigeria*

Dr. Tunde Oseni is a Senior Lecturer and Consultant. He acquired his doctoral degree in Politics at the University of Exeter, after an MSc in African Studies in Oxford. He was the first recipient of the Oxford Nigeria Scholarship in African Studies (2007/2008) and was an active member of the Africa Society. He consults for Global Integrity, a Washington-based Think Tank and is currently the Head of Department of Politics & International Relations, Lead City University, Ibadan, Nigeria.



Dr. Simukai Chigudu

*Lecturer, Department of International Development
University of Oxford, UK*

Dr. Simukai Chigudu is a Departmental Lecturer with an eclectic academic background: he was awarded a DPhil in International Development after an MSc in African studies from the University of Oxford, a Master of Public Health from Imperial College London, and a medical degree from Newcastle University. His research explores the social politics of inequality in Africa using disease, public health, violence, and social suffering as the organising frameworks for both historical and contemporary case studies. He was previously a committee member of the Africa Society.

Schedule

14:00 Arrival and Poster Exhibition

14:30 Ndjodi Ndeunyema : Opening Remarks

14:40 Dr. Tunde Oseni : *Pan Africanism in the Age of Globalisation*

15:05 Prof. Patricia Daley : (TBC)

15:40 Tea Break

16:00 Prof. Abena Busia : *Pan Africanism through the Lens of the Poetry of African Women*

16:30 Dr. Simukai Chigudu : *Being and Becoming African at Oxford: Reflections*

16:55 Prof. Wale Adebaniwi

17:00 Prof. Kole Omotoso : *The Decline and Rise of Pan Africanism in the 21st century*

18:00 Closing Remarks

19:00 Dinner*

*Dinner will either be at Brasserie Blanc, at 7PM, and will cost £40 pounds for a three course meal and wine. Please contact the secretary to register your attendance.

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