



PROGRAMME

6th December, 2019

CONFERENCE ON 20 Years of Democracy in Nigeria 1999 – 2019

Convenor: Wale Adebani, Rhodes Professor of Race Relations, African Studies Centre
Conference Administrator: Brenda McCollum (events@africa.ox.ac.uk)

VENUES

The Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College, (9:00 am – 4:30 pm) and
Theatre 2, Blavatnik School of Government, 120 Walton St, Oxford OX2 6GG (5:00 - 7:30 pm)

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The conference is supported by
the Rhodes Chair in Race Relations,
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Venue: Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College

9.00am

Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker – **Wale Adebawu**

9.10 - 9.50am KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Twenty Years of Semi-Democracy in Nigeria:
Future Challenges for Democratic Development

Professor Larry Diamond, Stanford University, USA

9.50 - 10.30am

Question & Answer

10.30 - 11.00am: Coffee Break (Hilda Besse Box)

PANELS

PANEL 1 11:00am - 12:30pm

The Nigerian State: Structure, Agency and Institutional Processes

Reconstructions, Resilience and Relevance: Political Elites and Ethnic Mobilization, 1999-2019

Eghosa Osaghae, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Federalism, Constitutional Reform, and the Elusive Quest for "Political Restructuring" in the Fourth Nigerian Republic

Rotimi Suberu, Bennington University, Vermont, USA

The Nigerian Presidency and the Challenges of Governance in the Fourth Republic

Aliyu Modibbo Umar, African Studies Centre, University of Oxford, UK

A Republic of Dashed Hopes? Party Politics and 20 years of the Travails of Democracy in Nigeria's Fourth Republic

Adigun Agbaje, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Today's Nigeria resembles Abacha's Nigeria. Why does the international community treat it so differently?

Matthew T. Page, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington D.C., USA

Chair: **Prof Daniel Bach**, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) Paris, France

12:30 - 1:30pm: Lunch Break

PANEL 2 1:30 - 2:40pm

The Political Economy of Oil

Politicians and Oil

Peter Lewis, Johns Hopkins University, USA

The Political Economy of Nigerian Oil Trading

Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, University of Oxford, UK

From Diversification to Decentralization: the Sub-National Roots of Transforming Nigeria's Oil Economy

Zainab Usman, The World Bank, Washington D.C., USA

Nigeria: No Longer an Oil State

Oliver Owen and **Sarah Burns**, University of Oxford, UK

Chair: **Prof Adigun Agbaje**, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

PANEL 3 2:50 - 4:30pm

Electoral Governance, Civil Society and (In)Security

Theorizing Electoral Democracy in Nigeria: Elections, Representation and Accountancy

Okechukwu Ibeanu, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Abuja, Nigeria

The 2019 General Elections in Nigeria: An Assessment

Jubrin Ibrahim, Centre for Democracy and Development, Abuja, Nigeria

Resistance in the Age of Democracy: The Changing Parameters of Civil Society in Nigeria

Ebenezer Obadare, University of Kansas, USA

From Human Rights Movement to Civil Society: A Review of Twenty Years of Democracy in Nigeria

Idayat Hassan, Centre for Democracy and Development, Abuja, Nigeria

Political Communication in Nigeria: From Radio to WhatsApp

Nic Cheeseman, University of Birmingham, UK

The Political Economy of Insurgency and Counter-Insurgency in North-East Nigeria

Adam Higazi, Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola, Nigeria and University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Chair: **Prof David Pratten**, University of Oxford, UK

4:30 – 5:00pm: Break (Move to Blavatnik School of Government)

Venue: Lecture Theatre 2, Blavatnik School of Government, 120 Walton St, Oxford OX2 6GG

5.00 – 5.05pm

Introduction of Governor Kayode Fayemi

Wale Adebawale, University of Oxford, UK

5.05 – 5.35pm

Special Guest Speech

Dr Kayode Fayemi, Governor of Ekiti State and Chairman, Nigeria Governors Forum

5.35 – 5.40pm

Introduction of Governor Aminu Tambuwal

Wale Adebawale, University of Oxford, UK

5.40 – 6.10pm

Special Guest Speech

Rt Hon Aminu Tambuwal, Governor of Sokoto State and Deputy Chairman, Nigeria Governors Forum

6.10 – 7.50pm

Panel Discussion and Question & Answer

Dr Kingsley Moghalu, Lagos, Nigeria

Mallam Bashir Yusuf Ibrahim, Abuja, Nigeria

Mr Akin Osuntokun, African Studies Centre, University of Oxford, UK

Chair: **Professor Eghosa Osaghae**, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

7.50pm

Gratitude

The Convener

