African Philosophical and Intellectual Responses to the Development Crisis in Africa

Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Nigeria
June 10-14, 2015

Theme

This conference focuses on evaluating the responses of the African intelligentsia to the current development crisis in the continent as well as encouraging reflections on the recurrent issues in the development crises such as the need to evolve a viable indigenous development oriented ideology that would adequately address such issues as identity and its construction in the context of globalization and cultural pluralism, determinism, freedom and responsibility, the individual and the collective, justice in plural, multi-cultural and international contexts, faith and reason in the public sphere, etc.

Subthemes

Classifications of Responses such as: Afro-pessimism; Re-colonization thesis; Nationalism; Afro-constructivism
African theories of Development
Ideology and Development
Justice and Development
Freedom and Responsibility
Ideology, Determinism and the Mechanisms of Change
Globalization, Pluralism and the State
Faith and Reason in the Public Sphere and Development

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1 ARRIVAL 10TH JUNE 2015

DAY 2 (11TH OF JUNE, 2015)

OPENING SESSION
1. Introduction of Guests to the high table
2. Opening Prayer
3. National Anthem
4. University Anthem
5. Breaking of Kolanut
6. Welcome Address by the Head of Department, Prof. Uduma Oji Uduma
7. Address by the Dean of FSSH, Prof. Eugene Nweke
8. Vice Chancellor’s Address/ Declaring open of the Event (Prof. F.I Idike)
9. Address by the Regional Representative (Africa) of CRVP Prof J.C.A. Agbakoba (DVC Madonna University, Okija)
10. Address by Prof. T.U. Nwala (University of Abuja)
11. Vote of Thanks (Dr J Chidozie Chukwuokolo) Chairman LOC

Break

[Group 1] Chairman: Prof. JCA Agbakoba

1. Martin U. Nwankwo Ph.D.
Department of History and International Relation, Imo State University, Owerri
And Denis U Ashara
French Research Institute (IFRA-Nigeria) University of Ibadan, Oyo State.

2. Ejikemeuwa J.O. Ndubisi PhD
Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Tansian University Umunya
Topic: Africa Traditional Festivals in Globalized Society: A Philosophical Examination of Egba-Eze Ibagwa Aka Community.

3. Rev. Fr. Isidore U. Nwanaju PhD
Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria.

4. Ajah, Doris Patrick PhD and Anthony C. Ajah PhD
Department of Sociology, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki and Department of Philosophy University of Nigeria Nsukka
Topic: On the Sociological and Philosophical Roots of a “culture of low expectation; An Assessment of the Role of Ideology in Social Development.

5. Maduka Enyimba PhD
Department of Philosophy, University of Calabar
Topic: Towards a Genuine National Development: A case for Kant’s Epistemic Co-operationism in Nigeria

[Group 2] Chairman: Prof Eugene Nweke

1. Nwabuiro Idenyi
Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ebonyi State University Abakaliki

2. Denis Osuagwu PhD and John Ezenwankwor PhD
Department of Public Administration, Imo State Polytechnics, Umugwo-Ohaji and School of General Studies, Imo State Polytechnic Umugwo-Ohaji
3. **Shotunde, Ayodele Okalekan**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Lagos, Lagos  
Topic: Freedom as the Foundation of Human Right: An Existentialist Perspective.

4. **Ihejirika Cardinal I.C.**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt –River State-Nigeria  
Topic: Implications of Globalization for Pan Africanism: A Philosophical Reflection

5. **Ogbonnaya J. Okereke**  
Department Sociology and Anthropology, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria  

[Group 3] **Chairman: Prof. Uduma Oji Uduma**

1. **Peter Oni PhD**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Lagos  

2. **Godswill. P. Nnaemeka Agashi**  
Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki  
Topic: Transitional Justice: Its Relevance for African Development

3. **Chrysanthus Nnaemeka Ogbozo Ph.D**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.  
Topic: Creativity and Responsibility as Necessary Potentials for a Nation’s Development

4. **Barnabas. A. Ovuoba**  
Department of Public Administration, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki  
Topic: The Ethno- Religious foundation for the failure of leadership in Africa: A Perspective on Nigeria.

5. **Stephen Stanislaus Udo**  
Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Calabar,  
Topic: In Search of Answers to the Problem of Human Relations in Contemporary Africa

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**DAY THREE 12TH JUNE, 2015 MORNING SESSION 9AM – 12 NOON**

[Group 4.] **Chairman Prof T Uzodinma Nwala**

1. **Avibiah David Attoe**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Calabar  
Topic: A Philosophical Inquest into the Proper Ideology for the Development of the Nigerian State.

2. **Chris Osegenwune, Ph.D**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Lagos  
Topic: Justice and the Contradictions of Development

3. **Ejike Akpa**  
Department of Philosophy, Madonna University, Okija  
Topic: Ideology as a Panacea to the Challenge of Development in Africa: An Appraisal of Julius Nyerere’s Ujamaa Socialism.

4. **Evaristius. C. Obioha and Chidimma S. Ukaullor**
Department of Philosophy, Imo State University, Owerri
Topic: Post-Colonial Military Misconduct During Internal Operation in Nigeria: An Appraisal

5. Patricia Ebere Nwazanobi PhD
Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki
And
Richard Ogbonna Eze
Department of Art Social Science and Religion Education Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki
Topic: The Igbo Moral Code: A Reconstructive Interpretation

[Group 5] Chairman: J Chidozie Chukwuokolo PhD

1. Shitta – Bey Olanrewaju Abdul
Department of Philosophy, Lagos State University, Lagos
Topic: Human Will as the Ontological Basis of Africa’s Predicaments

2. Anosike Romanus PhD
Department of Philosophy, Seat of Wisdom Seminary, Owerri-Nigeria

3. Christiana I Idika
University of Wuerzburg Germany
Topic: Rethinking Principles of Justice in Africa for a Just political order: A Normative Reconstructive Model.

4. Dr. Jonathan O Chimakonan
Department of Philosophy, University of Calabar, Calabar-Nigeria

5. Okolie Charles Nkem Ph.D
Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
Topic: Law as a Tool for Social Control: Towards a Philosophical Jurisprudence for Contemporary Africa

[Group 6] Chairman: Prof Uduma Oji Uduma

1. Chiedozie Okoro PhD
Department of Philosophy, University of Lagos, Lagos-Nigeria
Topic: National Ideological School and the Problem of Ideological Alienation

2. Onwunali Kevin Ugochukwu
Department of Philosophy, Imo State University, Owerri, Owerri-Nigeria
Topic: Self-Crafting, an Ideology for Human Development: A Philosophical Approach

3. Chukwugozie Donatus Nwoye
Department of Philosophy, Pope John-Paul II Major Seminary, Awka,
Topic: Religion, Public Sphere and Africa Development

4. Ngozi U Emeka-Nwobia Ph.D
Department of Linguistic and Literary Studies, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
Topic: Tackling Xenophobic Phenomena in Ezza-Eziullo Crises: Utilizing the Linguistic paradigm in Conflict Resolution
5. Ojong Lawrence  
Department of Philosophy, University of Calabar, Calabar-Nigeria  
Topic: The Crisis in Africa as a Consequence of Social Injustice

DAY THREE 12TH JUNE, 2015 AFTERNOON SESSION 1PM – 3PM NOON

[Group 7] Chairman: Dr. E.A. Okoro

1. Umezurike Grace Ph.D  
Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Abakaliki-Nigeria  
Topic: The effect of Xenophobia on International Relation

2. Victor Oghene  
Department of Philosophy, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, [Unizik].  
Topic: Dynamics of Africa leadership Structure: Towards Development Strategies and Transformation

3. Araka Lillian  
Graceland Schools, Megs College Enugu, Enugu-Nigeria  

4. Peter Tarvor Etta  
Department Political Science, Cross River State College of Education, Akamkpa, Cross River State–Nigeria  
Topic: The Place of Political Scientists in the Quest for Development in Africa: A Philosophical Reflection.

5. Bisong, Peter Bisong  
Department of Philosophy, University of Calabar, Calabar-Nigeria  

[Group 8] Chairman: Prof. T Uzodinma Nwala

1. K. Victor Babu PhD  
Department of Philosophy and Religion, Andhra University, India  
Topic: Human Values and Its Relevance to Global Era

2. Ven. Kingsley Okoro Ph.D  
Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ebonyi State university, Abakaliki –Nigeria  

3. Nwabueze Moses Nwokocha and Evaristus C Obioha  
Department of Philosophy, Imo State University, Owerri, owerri-Nigeria  
Topic: Are Human Embryo Life forms?

4. Ichaba Amos Ameh Ph.D and Idachaba Philip PhD  
Department of Philosophy, University of Nigeria, Nsukka -Nigeria  

5. Victor O. Jeko  
Department of Philosophy ,NnamdiAzikwe University, Awka-Nigeria  
[Group 9] Chairman: Rev. Fr. Isidore Nwanaju

1. Modestus N Onyeagbalaji Ph.D,
   Department of Philosophy, University of Lagos, Lagos-Nigeria
   Topic: Theorizing “Intelligent Social Reconstruction” For Full Orbed Development in Africa

2. J.N. Agbo
   Department of Philosophy and Religion Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
   Topic: Identity, Confidence-Building and the Challenges of Development for Dasein Africana

3. Obozuluike Ofoelue,
   AG Registrar African Thinkers’ Community of Inquiry College of Education Enugu
   Topic: Actualizing the Meaningful Education and Manpower Development through Philosophy for Children (P4C) Paradigm of Education

4. Patricia E. Nwazonobi Ph.D and Abrabam O. Eboyem
   Department of Philosophy and Religion and Department of Arts and Social Science Religion Education Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
   Topic: Salvation, Faith and Reaction: A Noble Alternative for National Development

5. Ikpoyi Jonathan
   Bishop Crowder Seminary, Awka, Awka-Nigeria
   Topic: Heretical Teachings: A Blessing in Disguise to Christians

[Group 10] Chairman: Dr Jonathan O Chimakonam

1. Albert O. M. Ogoko
   Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
   Topic: Rationality in Confronting African Transformational Challenges: Nigeria as Case Point -A Hermeneutic Phenomenological Approach

2. Onyeanwuna Charles Emeka
   Department of Psychology, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
   Topic: Resource Course in Africa: A Psycho-Analytic Perspective

3. John Ezenwankwor Ph.D
   Department of General Studies, Imo State Polytechnics, Umuagw, Owerri
   Topic: Africa Unfreedom: An Escapist Excuse for Underdevelopment

4. Rev. Fr. (Assoc. Prof.) C.M. Okoro Ph.D
   Department of Philosophy and Religion Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
   Topic: Naming Africa Logic and Africa full Humanity

5. Ugwu Anayochukwu Kingsley Johnpaul

DAY THREE 12TH JUNE, 2015 EVENING SESSION 4.pm – 6.pm

[Group 11] Chairman: Rev Fr. Dr M.F. Asiegbu

1. Ogbonnaya Lucky Uchenna
   Department of Philosophy, University of Calabar –Nigeria
   Topic: The Question of Development in Africa: An Ibuanyidanda Perspective

2. Tony Okeregbe PhD
3. **Rev. Fr. F.O.C. Njoku PhD**
   Department of Philosophy, University of Nigeria, Nsukka- Nigeria
   Topic: Rediscovering Personhood in Multi-Culturalism and Covenant Theory of Development

4. **Stephen Chijoke Nwainya PhD**
   Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
   Topic: Africa’s Quest for Development and the Conflate of Westernization and Modernization

5. **Ibolekwu Benedict Chika**
   Happy time Nursery and Primary School Lagos
   Topic: Wojtula’s Notion of Freedom and Responsibility: A Panacea for Development Crises in Africa

[Group 12] **Chairman: Rev. Fr. Dr. F.O.C Njoku**

1. **Gbadebo, Moses Debo**
   Department of Philosophy, University of Lagos, Lagos-Nigeria
   Topic: The Language Question in Africa and the Challenge of Underdevelopment

2. **Nweke Victor, CA**
   Department of Philosophy, University of Calabar, -Nigeria
   Topic: Ibuanyidanda Logic as an Algorithm for Peaceful Co-existence and Good Governance in Africa

3. **Stephen Azubuike Oguji Ph.D**
   Department of Philosophy, Imo State University, Owerri-Nigeria
   Topic: Exploring Soren Kierkegaard’s Philosophy of Subjective Existences as in existentialist option for Africa in her developmental Aspiration

4. **Opara T. Akaegbulem**
   Department of Philosophy of Science and Technology, Federal University of Technology, Owerri-Nigeria
   Topic: Technological Development and Culture in Africa

5. **Okpowhoavotu Dan Ekere**
   Department of Philosophy, University of Lagos, Nigeria
   Topic: The Quest for Development in a Globalized World

[Group 13] **Chairman: Dr Mrs Ngozi Emeka-Nwobia**

1. **Ukoma Amarachi Nnachi, PhD**
   Department of Philosophy & Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
   Topic: Cessation of Pneumatic Elements in the Contemporary Church: A Critique on Pauline Instruction on Orderliness.

2. **Samuel Nduka Nwekpe**
   Trinity College Umuahia-Nigeria
   Topic: The Shema and Godly Parentage: A Panacea for Development in Nigeria

3. **Macaulay N Kanu, PhD**
   Department of Philosophy & Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
   Topic: Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics and its Relevance to Scientific and Technological Development in Africa.

4. **Donatus I Njoku PhD**
Department of Philosophy & Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
Topic: Justice and Development in Africa: Role of Religious Studies

5. Bisong, Peter Bisong
Department of Philosophy, University of Calabar, Nigeria
Topic: Xenotransplantation and its Potential Contribution to Environmental Degradation

[Group 14] Chairman: Prof T Uzodinma Nwala

1. Ayang Ethelbert E, PhD
Cross River University of Technology
Topic: The Problem of Technology in Nigeria: A Reflection of the Educational System

2. Rev. Fr. (Assoc. Prof.) Clement I Osunwokeh PhD
Department of Philosophy & Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
Topic: Faith and Reason in the Public Sphere and Development

3. Owosho, SiraJudeen
Department of Philosophy, University of Lagos, Nigeria

4. Sylva Emma
Department of Philosophy & Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
Topic: Transparent Leadership and the Security of Aba: A Check for Economic Collapse

5. Owo, Gideon Idike
Department of Philosophy & Religion, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki-Nigeria
Topic: The Role of Logic in Alternative Dispute Resolution and its Relevance in Conflict Management in Developing Nations

Closing Remarks

Departure Saturday 13th June, 2015