



Council for Research  
in Values and Philosophy

## 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 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015**

**DAY 2 ( 11<sup>TH</sup> 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.

Topic: Nigeria: The Dilemma of Ethnic Divide and National development.

**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.

Topic: Religion and the Prospect of Peace in a Pluri-Religious Society.

**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

Topic: Leadership and Justice and their Relevance to Quest for Africa Department: A Critical Reflection.

**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

Topic: The Theory of "Ima-Mmadu"-Knowing somebody who "knows somebody who "knows" somebody and underdevelopment in Nigeria: An Analysis.

**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

Topic: Responsibility of Freedom in Nigeria.

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

**1. Peter Oni PhD**

Department of Philosophy, University of Lagos

Topic: Challenging African Scholar's through African Language: A Re-Examination of the Language Question of Development.

**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

**DAY THREE 12<sup>TH</sup> 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. Evaristus. 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

Topic: African Philosophical and Intellectual Responses to the Development Crisis in Africa: Lessons for 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

Topic: Building a knowledge Society for Africa's Development: Revisiting the Question of Modernity in the Light of African Philosophy.

**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-NwobiaPh.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 12<sup>TH</sup> 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

Topic: The Challenges and Prospects of Child Adoption in Igbo Land: A Case Study of Enugu State.

**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

Topic: the Boomerang Effect of Environmental Degradation: The Way Forward.

**[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

Topic: Rethinking Shame and Shaming Practices in African (Igbo) Traditional Society as a Model for Criminal Justice, Moral Development and Social Integration in Modern African

**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

Topic: Freedom, Determinism and Social Change: Reflections on Korner’s Theory of Freedom in Nature.

**5. Victor O. Jeko**

Department of Philosophy ,NnamdiAzikwe University, Awka-Nigeria

Topic: The Crisis of Development and Globalization in a Multi-Cultural Context: The Challenge for Africa Examined in the Light of Wanger Maathai

**[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. Obozulike 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: DrJonathan 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. Onyeawuna 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, Umuagwo, 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**

Topic: The Concept of Old People’s Home: An Evaluation of Africa Community and the African Perception of Home

**DAY THREE 12<sup>TH</sup> 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**

Department of Philosophy, University of Lagos, Lagos-Nigeria

Topic: knowledge Flow on Africa as Cultural Expropriation: An Afro-pessimistic Evaluation

**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

Topic: Towards Africa's Transformation in The 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Dialectical Appraisal of Nationhood.

**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**

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Topic: The Role of Logic in Alternative Dispute Resolution and its Relevance in Conflict Management in Developing Nations

**Closing Remarks**

**Departure Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**