





Africa-Bayreuth International Alumni Network

## **PROGRAMME**

# The Politics of Religion in Africa

1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

University of Jos (Nigeria)

as part of the conference series

Rolling Religion on the African Map
Beliefs, Practices and Contentions in Times of Transition











#### 31<sup>st</sup> October Arrival Day

09:00: Departure from the Hotel in Abuja

19:00: Informal Get-Together in the Hotel Lobby

#### 1<sup>st</sup> November Conference Day I

09:00 – 09:30:	Registration
09:30 – 10:45: 10:45 – 11:00:	Courtesy Visit to Vice Chancellor and Principal Staff Welcome Address by Prof. Sati Fwatshak, Dean of the Faculty of Arts
11:00 – 11:15:	<b>Opening</b> by Dr. Chikas Tsilpi, alumna and project partner and Dr. Franz Kogelmann, principal investigator of the project
11:15–11:30:	Goodwill messages by Prof. Umar Danfulani, Prof. Victor Dugga, Prof. Andrew Haruna, Dr. Chentu Nguvugher, and Simon D. Mwadkwon (PhD)
11:30 – 12:00:	Coffee Break

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12:00 – 12:45:	Keynote "Religion and Politics: Conceptual and Historical Perspectives"
	by Prof. Muhammad Sani Umar, University of Abuja

### 12:45 – 13:30: Discussion with the Keynote Speaker moderated by Dr. Franz Kogelmann, principal investigator of the project

#### 13:30 – 15:00: Lunch Break

#### 15:00 – 16:30: Panel 1: Religion and Politics

moderated by Dr. Ramzi Ben Amara, alumnus and project partner

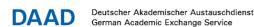
15:00 – 15:20: Islamic Versus Secular State of Sudan: A Dichotomous

Vision in Religion and Politics 2019

Ahmed El Hassab

15:20 – 15:40: Appropriation of Gospel Songs in Kenyan Politics

Magdaline Wafula











15:40 – 16:00: Religion and Politics Fused: The Transformation and

Appropriation of the Zakāt in Sudan 1989-2019

Salma Abdalla

16:00 – 16:30: Round Table with the Panellists

16:30 – 17:00: Summary of the Conference Day

by Dr. Samuel Ndongo, alumnus and project partner

17:00 – 18:00: **Guided Campus Tour** 

2<sup>nd</sup> November

Conference Day II

09:00 – 10:30: Panel 2: Religion and (De)stabilizing Security

moderated by Dr. Lohna Bonkat-Jonathan, alumna and project partner

09:00 - 09:20: Violence as Religious Reaction to Societal Transition in

Northern Nigeria: An analysis of Boko Haram's

Propaganda Messages

Baba Mai Bello

09:20 – 09:40: Multiplicity of Islamic brotherhoods and Cross-border

(In)Security Dilemma in Northern Benin

Kamal Donko

09:40 – 10:00: Two Brotherhoods in the same Neighbourhood: Muslim-

Christian Relations amongst the Yorubas in Southwest

Nigeria

Odunola Alexander Oladeii

10:00 – 10:30: Round Table with the Panellists

10:30 – 11:00: **Coffee Break** 

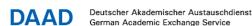
11:00 – 12:30: Panel 3: Religion and Educational Politics

moderated by Dr. Louis Ndong, alumnus and project partner

11:00 – 11:20: Knowledge at the Interlocking Space between Politics,

Religiosity, and Ideology

Bakheit Mohammed Nur Mohammed











11:20 – 11:40: Re-conceptualising the Notion of Academic Wellbeing in

African Higher Education: Perspectives from African

Philosophy

**Emnet Tadesse Woldegiorgis** 

11:40 – 12:00: Religion, State and Society: An Analysis of National

Consciousness Among Quranic Educators in Northern

Nigeria

**Umar Ahmed** 

12:00 - 12:30: Round Table with the Panellists

12:30 – 14:00: Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30: Panel 4: Religion and Leadership Politics

moderated by Dr. Chikas Tsilpi, alumna and project partner

14:00 – 14:20: "It is our turn; it is my turn": Ethno-religion and

Leadership Politics in Nigeria

Timothy Baiyewu

14:20 – 14:40: Christianity's Complicity in Coloniality: African Christian

Leaders as Perpetrators of Coloniality

Kelvin Acheampong

14:40 – 15:00: Chiefs and Politics of Witch Hunting in Postcolonial

Ghana: A Study of the Dagomba Community

Leo Igwe

15:00 – 15:30: Round Table with the Panellists

15:30 – 16:00: **Coffee Break** 

16:00 – 17:30: Panel 5: Religious Institutions

moderated by Dr. Samuel Ndogo, alumnus and project partner

16:00 – 16:20: The contribution of religious institutions in the

democratic transition in Congo, RD: Analysis and

prospects

Blaise Muhire

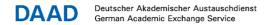
16:20 – 16:40: Documentary "Mkuru's Church"

Vanessa Wijngaarden

16:40 – 17:00: Round Table with the Panellists

17:00 – 17:30: Summary of the Conference Day

by Dr. Ramzi Ben Amara, alumnus and project partner











3<sup>rd</sup> November *Workshop Day* 

09:00 – 10:30: Round Table on "The Politics of Religion in Africa"

moderated by Dr. Jimam Lar, alumnus

Panelists:

Dr. Dauda Abubakar

• Dr. Jane Ayeko-Kuemmeth

• Dr. Plangsat Dayil

• Dr. Bakheit Mohammed Nur

10:30 – 11:00: **Coffee Break** 

11:00 – 12:30: **Closing Discussion** 

moderated by Dr. Franz Kogelmann, principal investigator of the project

12:30 – 14:00: **Lunch Break** 

14:00 – 15:30: **Alumni Workshop I** 

Evaluation and Next Steps of "Rolling Religion on the African Map"

15:30 – 16:00: **Coffee Break** 

16:00 – 18:00: Alumni Workshop II

The Future of the afriBIAN Network

4<sup>th</sup> November

**Excursion and Farewell Day** 

10:00 – 16:00: Excursion to Jos Museum and Shere Hills

18:00: Farewell Dinner

5<sup>th</sup> November Departure Day





