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Africa-Bayreuth International Alumni Network

PROGRAMME

The Politics of Religion in Africa

1st to 4th 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



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31st October

Arrival Day

- 09:00: **Departure from the Hotel in Abuja**
19:00: **Informal Get-Together in the Hotel Lobby**

1st November

Conference Day I

- 09:00 – 09:30: **Registration**
- 09:30 – 10:45: **Courtesy Visit to Vice Chancellor and Principal Staff**
10:45 – 11:00: **Welcome Address**
by Prof. Sati Fwatshak, Dean of the Faculty of Arts
- 11:00 – 11:15: **Opening**
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**
- 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 Ndong, alumnus and project partner

17:00 – 18:00: **Guided Campus Tour**

2nd 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 Oladeji

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



3rd 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

4th November
Excursion and Farewell Day

- 10:00 – 16:00: **Excursion to Jos Museum and Shere Hills**
- 18:00: **Farewell Dinner**

5th November
Departure Day