

FBCS 2019 International Conference

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Nigeria

Subject Fields:

Communication, Digital Humanities, Film and Film History, Humanities, Journalism and Media Studies

Security, Technology and Socio-Economic Development in Africa

Africa's prospects for socio-economic development and indeed any other form of development will be largely determined by her response to the twin factors of security and technological advancement. Both factors are global in dimension, dynamic in nature and devastating in consequences. No nation can afford to neglect paying serious attention to them or develop a unilateral response to them.

Security challenges to the nations of Africa are multi-layered and multi-varied, yet intertwined with the very essence of human existence on the continent. These challenges range from human and drug trafficking within and outside the continent to irregular migration in search of better opportunities. They also include proliferation of arms and ammunition across international boundaries with damaging consequences to peace and human security. They also incorporate illicit transfer of funds and other resources from the continent which create humongous job deficit among the teeming youthful population on the continent. Others are the growing acts of terrorism, kidnapping, banditry, inter-tribal conflicts, xenophobic attacks on migrants within Africa and the intractable violent struggles over resource ownership.

Whereas, advancements in technology holds the potential solution to most of the problems confronting modern society, its ambivalent capacity to also become a tool in the hands of anti-social forces makes it pertinent for Africa to develop a continent-wide approach to its deployment in the service of humanity. Through technology for example, many African countries are improving the quality and quantity of services available in education, healthcare, financial services, agricultural practices, transportation, telecommunication and even electoral processes. Conversely, it is equally a fact that technology has created a new vista of criminal adventurism and enhanced the capability of self-organisation of individuals to inflict serious physical and psychological injuries on the society. Cybercrime, kidnapping and internet fraud for example have become alternative ways of life to the teeming population of unemployed youths across many urban centers in Africa. The cry for improved security of life and property is loud and strident across many African countries.

The quest for socio-economic development in Africa may remain a mirage until solutions are proffered to the challenges posed to human, social and economic security on the continent. Economic insecurity remains a major cause of crime and social insecurity and it is safe to posit that innovative technological advancement can serve not only as a potent weapon against crime but also as a catalyst for economic growth on the African continent if properly explored and carefully deployed.

The Faculty of Business and Communication Studies, The Polytechnic Ibadan, Nigeria is therefore inviting scholars from across the continent to its 2019 International Conference to share current

research findings on the burning issues outlined above and begin the process of developing a roadmap for Africa to achieve the much-needed socio-economic development.

The sub themes for our conference are the following:

Politics of Poverty and underdevelopment in Africa.

Causes and courses of international migration.

Securitization and life expectancy rates in Africa.

Trans- border migration and security in Africa.

Xenophobia on the African continent.

Fundamentalism and international security.

Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Humanitarian challenges.

Security, Poverty and Development in Africa.

Africa and the diaspora

Peace and Conflict Management.

Irredentism and Resource ownership in Africa.

Cyber Security: Prospects and challenges for development.

Cyber Marketing and Sociolo- Economic development in Africa.

Historic perspective to trans- border trade and development in Africa.

(Any topic(s) relevant to the Main Theme will also be accepted)

Abstracts of not more than 250 words on any of the sub themes and related topics should be sent in MS Word to polyfbcsconference@gmail.com or editor@polyfbcsconference.com not later than Friday 26th July, 2019.

Abstracts should include full names of the author(s), institutional affiliations (where applicable), email address and telephone numbers. Accepted abstracts will be acknowledged and published in the conference book of abstracts.

Date: 5th – 9th August, 2019 (5th August: Arrival; 6th-9th August: Opening Ceremony, Concurrent Sessions; 9th August: Closing ceremony and Departure)

Time: 10:00am Daily

Venue: Conference Centre, The Polytechnic, Ibadan.

Keynote Speaker/Chairman

Prof. Eghosa E. Osghae,

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Lead Paper Presenter

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