

## **GENDER, POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA: WHAT IS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN?**

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### **CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTERS**

#### **TITLE OF PUBLICATION:**

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### **CONCEPT**

Good governance is an index of human development. What constitutes good governance is holistic and gender issues are key components in the formation and practice of governance. In pre-colonial Africa, governance is inclusive of men and women. Could we agree that colonialism made or mar women's participation in governance? However, in the pre-colonial era, it could be argued that women had spheres of power and powerlessness. Hence, what constitutes power for men and women involved in governance of African societies? In most post-colonial societies of Africa, it is a rarity to accord women positions in government. Yet, the United Nations Conferences held in Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985), Beijing (1995) and New York (2000), all had drafts and resolutions to change inequalities and vulnerabilities women encounter in public and private spaces. What are the issues to understand in the inclusion or exclusion of women in governance of African states and societies? Furthermore, political parties also pay lip service to the concessions given to female candidates. The patriarchal outlook of the society manifests in the

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actions of political parties to its female members and historically, market women were integrated into party politics to manage the campaign outreach to attain victory at elections. Few women have the privilege of holding positions of authority such as it is in the ministerial allotments across African states. Also, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia and Joice Mujuru of Zimbabwe among others were able to head their nation states either as President or Vice President.

Articles on these issues are welcomed with endnotes style of referencing using the Chicago Manual Style. The articles should be double-spaced. The chapter must be an original work that is not under consideration for any other publication. Tables, figures and illustrations should be attached in a separate file indicating its place in the body of the chapter. Please forward chapter synopsis to: [obiradeducation@gmail.com](mailto:obiradeducation@gmail.com) on or before November 25, 2019.

Articles are welcomed under the following themes, but not limited to:

Methodological and epistemological analysis on gender and governance

Historical perspectives on gender and governance

Masculinity and governance

International resolutions on gender and governance

Capitalism, gender and governance

Socialism, gender and governance

Foreign policy, gender and governance

Gender and party politics

Political education, gender and governance

Taxation, gender and governance

Informal sector, gender and governance

Feminists' connotations of gender and governance

God-fathers, mentorship, gender and governance

Women in parliament  
Women in ministerial positions and government agencies  
Women in the judiciary and governance  
Geographies of party politics and gender  
Life histories of female presidents in Africa  
Patriarchal forms in politics and governance  
Religion, gender and governance  
Economy, gender and governance  
Politics of gender mainstreaming in governance  
Cultural stereotypes, gender and governance  
Masculine disposition to women in governance  
Female nationalists' in African history  
Military regimes, gender and governance  
Sexuality concerns, gender and governance

## **OBJECTIVE**

The proposed book project seeks to adopt a multidisciplinary approach to the study of gender, politics and governance in Africa. The book is expected to serve multiple interests for scholars in academia, policy makers, development practitioners, non-government organisations and so on. Furthermore, it aims to foster new forms of knowledge on gender dynamics in Africa. The proposed book will be edited by:

- Mutiat Titilope Oladejo Ph.D.; Department of History, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

## **TIMELINES**

A maximum of **20 pages** is expected for each chapter. Contributors have **3-months** to submit the first draft of their chapter. All manuscripts will be subjected to peer-review.

- November 25, 2019 - Submission of Chapter Synopsis
- December 28, 2019 - First Draft Submission
- February 2, 2020 - Peer-Review Decision/ Manuscript Returned for Revision
- March 20, 2020 - Submission of Final Draft

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