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***“Narratives of Trauma and Memory:
The Legacies of the Human Rights
Violations Investigations Commission
(The Oputa Panel) in Nigeria and National
Reconciliation Commission (TRC) in Ghana.***



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Date & Time	Activity	Primary Participant
Wednesday August 2 8.30am- 9.00am	Registration Meet and greet	All
9.00am- 9.10am	National and University of Ibadan Anthems	
9.10am- 9.30am	Welcome Address	Prof. K.O. Adebowale, FAS, FRSC, mni Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan
9.30am- 9.35am	Remarks	Prof. S. O. Oyetade, Dean, Faculty of Arts University of Ibadan, Nigeria
9.35-9.40am	Remarks	Prof. Bonny Ibhawoh Project Director, Confronting Atrocity McMaster University, Canada
9.40am- 9.45am	Remarks	Prof. Olutayo Adesina, FNAL University of Ibadan and Colloquium Lead
9.45am- 9.50am	Remarks	Prof. Rasheed Olaniyi Head, Department of History and Colloquium Coordinator
9.50am- 10.20am	Keynote Address I (Virtual): Human Rights Violations in Ghana and the Question of Justice	Prof. Samuel Nteusus Director Institute of African Studies University of Ghana, Legon
10.20am- 10.50am	Keynote Address II (Physical): Memory and Trauma: Stories from Women Victims of Boko Haram Violence in Adamawa State, Nigeria	Dr. Nathaniel Danjibo Head, Institute for Peace, and Strategic Studies University of Ibadan, Nigeria
10.50am- 11.00am	Group Photograph and Tea Break	
11.00am- 12.00pm	Parallel Session 1 (Virtual) Paper 1: W.O. Egbewole, A.O. Amoloye-Adebayo and O.O. Ekundayo, University of Ilorin, Nigeria “The Legacy of Oputa Panel: Towards a Nigerian Narrative of Transitional Justice and Political Authority”	Prof. Bonny Ibhawoh McMaster University, Canada

	<p>Paper 2: Precious Chinecherem Edemadu, Department of History and International Studies, University of Nigeria Nsukka “An Appraisal of the National Reconciliation Commission of Nigeria (The Oputa Panel), 1999-2007</p> <p>Paper 3: Olusola Olasupo and Nathan Andrews, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada. “Dysfunctional State and Human Rights Violation in Nigeria: Cases of Kidnapping during President Buhari’s Regime”</p> <p>Paper 4: Nicholas O. Osita Federal University, Dutse, Nigeria “Memories of Mass Violence and Recollections of Trauma in Children as Portrayed in Scholastique Mukasonga’s Testimonial Narratives on the Rwandan Genocide”</p>	
<p>11.00am-12.00pm</p>	<p>Parallel Session 2 (Physical)</p> <p>Paper 5: Olanrewaju Abdulwasii Oladejo, Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. “Trauma Closure and Reconciliation Nexus: The Oputa Panel in Perspectives”</p> <p>Paper 6: Nwachukwu Uzoamaka, Department of History, Indiana University Bloomington, USA “Digital Storytelling as a Means of Truth Telling: Exploring Memory Reconstruction in the Oputa Panel”</p> <p>Paper 7: Philip Ademola Olayoku, Coordinator, The West African Transitional Justice Centre, Nigeria</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. S.A. Ajayi Department of History University of Ibadan</p>

	<p>“The Right to Truth in Transitional Justice and Challenges of/Opportunities for Localized Investigations and Prosecutions”</p> <p>Paper 8: Mojeed Adekunle Animashaun, Department of Political Science & Public Administration Fountain University, Osogbo, Nigeria</p> <p>“Should we tread the Oputa path again? Interrogating Post-Transition Reconciliation in Nigeria”</p>	
<p>11.00am-12.00pm</p>	<p>Parallel Session 3</p> <p>Paper 9: Omon Merry Osiki, Department of History and Strategic Studies, University of Lagos, Akoka and Mistura Eniola Bello, Department of History and Diplomatic Studies, Tai Solarin University of Education, Ogun State, Nigeria. “Voices from the Periphery: Female Activists at the Oputa and EndSARS Panels</p> <p>Paper 10: L.A. Adeniran, Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, Nigeria “The Print Media and Its Epistemic Value in Nigeria’s Fourth Republic: The example of <i>THE NATION</i>”</p> <p>Paper 11: Margaret Innocent, KolaDaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria. “An Analysis of the Role of Journalists in War Reporting Using the Syrian Crisis”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. V.O. Edo Department of History University of Ibadan</p>

	<p>Paper 12: Akin Tella, Department of English, University of Ibadan, Nigeria “Discursive Negotiation of (De)responsibilisation in Journalist-Conflict Parties’ Interactions on “Kokoro Alate”</p>		
<p>12.00pm-1.00pm</p>	<p>Parallel Session 1 (Virtual)</p> <p>Paper 13: Oluwatobi Adeyemi and Adedayo I. Adeyemo, Department of Local Government and Development Studies Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria “Rural Violence and Injustice in the Nigerian Periphery: A Critical Discourse”</p> <p>Paper 14: Taiwo Bello, Assistant Professor of African History Oklahoma State University, USA “Whose Rights Mattered? Environmental Activism, Violence, and Punishments in Twentieth Century Nigeria”</p> <p>Paper 15: Akanbi Oyebamidele Oyeniran. British American University, Florida (campus in Benin Republic) “Social and Environmental Challenges to Nation Building: A Reflection on Proceedings at Truth Commissions in Nigeria and Ghana”</p> <p>Paper 16: Adedoyin Aguru, Department of English, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. “Wole Soyinka as a National Character in the Oputa Panel”</p>	<p>Prof. Olutayo C. Adesina Department of History University of Ibadan</p>	
<p>1.00pm - 2.00pm</p>	<p>Parallel Session 2 (Physical)</p> <p>Paper 17: Ojo Aderemi, Department of History University of Ibadan, Nigeria “Scholars in the grip of a furious government: A brief history of state repression against university intellectuals in Nigeria, 1993-1998”</p>	<p>Prof. Olatunji A. Oyeshile Department of Philosophy University of Ibadan</p>	

	<p>Paper 18: Abibat Abiodun Ibrahim Department of History, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. “The Dynamics of Mob Action and Jungle Justice as a result of State Violence 2020 -2021”</p> <p>Paper 19: Mutiat Titilope Oladejo, Department of History, University of Ibadan, Nigeria “Does Truth Have Gender? Female Testifiers and Feminisation of Post-Truth Reforms in Nigeria, 1999-2002”</p> <p>Paper 20: Adeolu O. Ogunsanya, Department of Music, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. “Prisoners Of Conscience’: Musical Representation of Female Gender’s Traumatic Experiences in Femi Osofisan’s “<i>WOMEN OF OWU</i>”</p>	
<p>1.00pm - 2.00pm</p>	<p>Parallel Session 3 (Physical) Paper 21: Philip Ademola Olayoku, Coordinator, The West African Transitional Justice Centre Abuja, Nigeria. “Berekete Family and the Mediatization of Truth Narratives in Reinventing Traditional Mediation Mechanism in Africa”</p> <p>Paper 22: Olubunmi Tayo Agboola, Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo, Nigeria. “Folktale as a Pedagogical Agent for Social Justice: An Ecocritical Perspective”</p> <p>Paper 23: Damola E. ADEYEFA, Department of European Studies University of Ibadan, Nigeria. “Translatological Remarks on President Bola Ahmed Tinubu’s First Inaugural: A Mitigation of Nigerian Socio-Political Traumatic Experience”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. M.O. Muritala Department of History University of Ibadan</p>

2.00pm-2.30pm	Lunch	
2.30pm-3.00pm	<p>Keynote Address III (Virtual): Prof. Osei Kwame Kwarteng Professor of History and Provost, College of Humanities and Legal Studies, University of Cape Coast, Ghana “Narratives of Trauma: History and Memory as Critical Discourses within Globalised Contexts”</p>	<p>Prof. R. O. Olaniyi Department of History University of Ibadan</p>
3.00pm-3.30pm	<p>Lead Paper (Physical): Dr. Sola Olorunyomi Institute of African Studies University of Ibadan “Truth Commissions and the Burden of Memory”</p>	
3.30pm-4.30pm	<p>Parallel Session 1 (Virtual) Paper 24: Rashid Babalola Raji, Massachusetts State government in the USA “Assessing the Human Right Violation Commission in Nigeria: Did the mandate go far enough?”</p> <p>Paper 25: Ebunoluwa Iyamu Research Fellow II, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria. “A history of Torture methods, Culture of Silence in democratic Nigeria State”</p> <p>Paper 26: A. Abioro Tunde, Centre for Human Rights and Restorative Justice. McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada. “Is silence still golden when belonging overtakes being in Nigeria?”</p> <p>Paper 27: Andy Anim, Department of History McMaster University. “Writing Wrongs to Solve Wrong: Reflections of Security Forces in Human Rights Abuse”</p>	

<p>3.30pm-4.30pm</p>	<p>Parallel Session 2 (Physical)</p> <p>Paper 28: Olúwábùkúnmi Abraham Awóṣùsì, Department of History, University of Ibadan, Nigeria “Youth Perspectives on Social Justice and Human Rights during the #EndSARS Protests”</p> <p>Paper 29: Adeniyi Awoyemi, Ibadan Oyo State, Nigeria “Reconciliation After Conflict: Examining the Impact of Boko-Haram and the Implications of Re-Integration”</p> <p>Paper 30: Kamil Adeyemi Hamzah, Emmanuel Alayande College of Education, Oyo, Nigeria “Dealing with Human Rights Abuse in Nigeria: General Abacha’s Onslaught on Peoples’ and Civil Rights, 1994-1997”</p> <p>Paper 31: Oladayo Bode Akanbi, Department of History, University of Ibadan, Nigeria “Historicizing Children’s Trauma and Social Justice in Contemporary Southwestern Nigeria”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. O. G. Muojama Department of History University of Ibadan</p>
<p>4.30pm-4.40pm</p>	<p>Tea Break</p>	
<p>4.40pm-5.40pm</p>	<p>Parallel Session 1 (Virtual) Paper 32: Adeolu Oluwaseyi Oyekan, Independent Scholar, Lagos. “Truth-seeking, Justice and the Politics of Forgetting: Toxic Narratives, Conflicts, and the Challenges of Social Cohesion in Nigeria.”</p> <p>Paper 33: Temitope Folakemi Olaniyi, Olive Community Development Initiative, Ilorin and Olatunde Isaac</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. D. O. Ajayi Department of History University of Ibadan</p>

	<p>Olaniyi “Nigerian Army College of Education, Advocacy for Rights of Women in Politics and Governance: Case Study of A Non-Governmental Organisation in Ilorin Nigeria.”</p> <p>Paper 34: David Oyinane Medugu, Dept. of Theatre and Performing Arts, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria. “The Trauma of a Nation and the Quest for Restructuring: A Psychoanalytic Reading of <i>Talatu</i>”</p> <p>Paper 35: Akanbi Oyebamidele Oyeniran. British American University, Florida (Republic of Benin campus) “British Colonial Legacies and Identity Conflicts in Nigeria”</p>	
<p>5.40pm-6.40pm</p>	<p>Parallel Session 1 (Virtual) Paper 36: Qasim Adeyemi Aliu, Nigeria Maritime University, Okerenkoko, Delta State “Humour and Violence: Visual Representation of Terrorism in Nigeria”</p> <p>Paper 37: Lexington Oyarekhua IZUAGIE. Department of History and International Studies, Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State, Nigeria “Instrumentalism of The Oputa Panel”</p> <p>Paper 38: Franklin Pyokpung ZAURE, Department of Theatre and Performing Arts, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. “Illuminating Trauma: A Lighting Designer's Interpretation of Ngozi Anyawu's Home Coming Queen”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. A.S. Abolorunde Department of History University of Ibadan</p>
<p>6.40pm-7.00pm</p>	<p>Closing and Announcements</p>	

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We thank all the participants for the success of the Colloquium. We wish you
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