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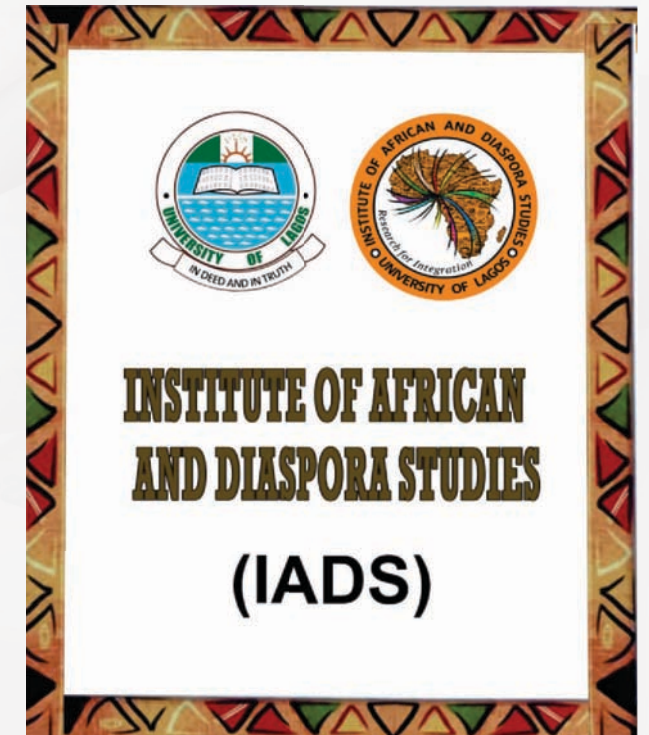
## Mission & Vision

### Our Vision

The vision of the Institute of African and Diaspora Studies is to be a “foremost institute for the exchange of cultural and social ideas and the pursuit of knowledge for the development of Africans at home and the diaspora as well as humankind.”

### Our Mision

To provide a platform for profound and ground-breaking research which will help to propel national development and encourage global discourse, especially between Africans at home and the Diaspora.





**Prof. Folashade Ogunsola, FAS**  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos

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## PREFACE

Putting this annual report together really feels like giving an account of stewardship. The Institute of African and Diaspora Studies (IADS), University of Lagos turned five this year and the event provided a good platform to reflect on how far the Institute has come and the way forward for her. As the first Director of the IADS, I remember the opening ceremony and the plans we had at the inception. Some of the plans have worked out as projected while some others have mutated into different and bigger ideas. As we look back at the research scope, the research clusters, the in-house researchers, the grants that we have won and are winning, the collaborations we have built and the young researchers that we are mentoring, etc. one cannot but acknowledge our research associates and sponsors who have worked hard with us in the last five years. Although there is still so much more that we must do to contribute to and reconfigure African studies, the success of the past five years keeps us going. We now have an alumni association and we hope that through them we can influence the society some more.

We at the IADS are particularly grateful to the past and present management of the University of Lagos who established and have continued to support the Institute. I am sure that the fears nursed at the inception of the Institute have all been put to rest. We have a formidable team of researchers who collaborate and work with their colleagues within and beyond the shores of the University of Lagos. This year is very significant in the life of the IADS as we begin our Ph.D. programme with all the admitted students getting into our scholarship scheme for three years. As part of our way of mentoring young researchers, some of the other masters students are engaged with in-house researchers on funded-projects. As we look back and feel proud of our achievements. We hope that the next five years will provide greater opportunities and collaborations to reconfigure African studies. We acknowledge our partners and sponsors and say to them that we are what we have become because of their collaborations. It is my delight again to present the score card for another busy and productive year.

**‘Muyiwa Falaiye, FNAL**  
Director, IADS

## THE IADS LOGO

As part of activities to mark five years of the existence of IADS, the IADS Logo was launched. The logo was approved on the 9th of January during the weekly meeting of the researchers and was unveiled on the 17th of August, 2022 by the 12th Vice Chancellor of the University of Lagos, Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe during the 5th year anniversary of the Institute.



## IADS RESEARCH CLUSTERS

S/N	Research Cluster	Head of Research Cluster (HRC)	Team Leader (TL)
1.	<i>Culture, Gender and Identity</i>	Dr. Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko pakin-otiko@unilag.edu.ng	Dr. Eshiet Idongesit Email:doshiet2@yahoo.com
2.	<i>Diaspora and Global Africa</i>	Prof. Muyiwa Falaiye ofalaiye@unilag.edu.ng	Dr. Pearce Adetokunbo tokspearsengf@yahoo.com
3.	<i>Environment, Urbanization and Population Studies</i>	Dr. Abisoye Eleshin aeleshin@unilag.edu.ng	Prof. Taibat Lawanson tolawanson@gmail.com
4.	<i>Governance and Financial Integrity</i>	Dr. Kayode Eesuola oeeuola@unilag.edu.ng	Prof. S.O. Akinboye sakinboye@unilag.edu.ng
5.	<i>Migration and Cross-Border Relations</i>	Dr. Kayode Eesuola oeeuola@unilag.edu.ng	Dr. Franca Attoh franca.attoh92@gmail.com
6.	<i>Peace and Conflict</i>	Dr. Feyi Ademola-Adeoye fademola-adeoye@unilag.edu.ng Dr. Moses Yakubu, myakubu@unilag.edu.ng	Dr. Peter Oni poni@unilag.edu.ng
7.	<i>Reparations</i>	Prof. Ayo Yusuff ayusuff@unilag.edu.ng Dr. Moses Yakubu myakubu@unilag.edu.ng	Dr. Ademola Fayemi karistotle@gmail.com

## STAFF OF THE IADS



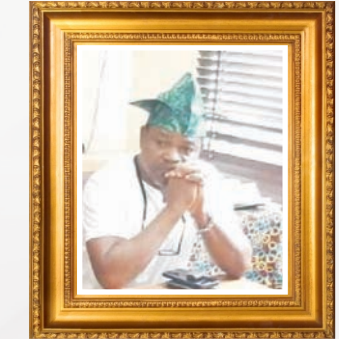
**Muyiwa Falaiye**  
Professor  
Director



**Feyi Ademola-Adeoye**  
Senior Research Fellow  
Deputy Director



**Ayo Yusuff**  
Research Professor  
Head of Research



**'Kayode Eesuola**  
Research Associate Professor  
PG Coordinator



**Moses Yakubu**  
Senior Research Fellow



**Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko**  
Senior Research Fellow



**Abisoye Eleshin**  
Research Fellow

## STAFF OF THE IADS



Mr. Samuel Sanni  
Support Staff

## YOUTH CORPS MEMBERS

The IADS had two Youth Corps members in Research Support Services.



Michael Idem Charles  
intern



Iwalewa Olorunyomi  
intern



Bolatito Kolawole  
Junior Research Fellow

## IADS ACADEMIC PROJECTS

### M.A. & M.Phil/Ph.D. African and Diaspora Studies (Full-time and Part-time)

The IADS admitted its third and fourth sets of students for the African and Diaspora Studies M.A. programme. It also admitted the first set of M.Phil./Ph.D. students in African and Diaspora Studies. This is a move in the right direction of training and mentoring young scholars in the area of African studies.

IADS places a high premium on mentoring and academic guidance and so on the 11th of January 2022, it organised an orientation programme for the newly admitted MA students in the IADS boardroom.



### Yoruba Language and Culture Proficiency Program (YLCPP)

YLCPP is a unique programme designed by the Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, University of Lagos to offer students and other interested learners, who are non-native speakers, the relevant skills, knowledge and proficiency in the Yoruba language. This ground-breaking program is especially useful to researchers who need to have first-hand and direct interaction with Yoruba speaking communities for data gathering. Learning is facilitated by a crop of teachers who have extensive expertise in teaching the Yoruba language to learners from multicultural and multilingual settings.

YLCPP accepted its first students in April 2022 and in November 2022, YLCPP hosted its first student for the immersion programme.

### Institute Journal – African Diaspora Discourse (A-DD):

Research and dissemination of findings is key to the work of IADS, and this is reflected in the special edition of the Journal for the year 2022. Dr. Kayode Eesuola, serves as the editor.

## IADS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

IADS organises programmes and events to commemorate significant days and events.

### International Mother Language Day

On the 21st of February, 2022, Dr. Abisoye Eleshin hosted and moderated a blended panel session entitled: Fostering indigenous Languages Amidst Multilingualism in Nigeria. The panellists were: Prof. Harrison Adeniyi who was the keynote speaker, Participants include, Research Professor Ayo Yusuff (IADS), Mr. Abayomi O. Lagaga (Head Yoruba Service, Voice of Nigeria), Mr. Haliru M. Adamu (Hausa language instructor) and Dr. Chigozie Nnabuihe (Department of Linguistics African and Asian Studies, University of Lagos).



## Black History Month

The theme for this year's Black History Month was “Black Health and Wellness.” The two-day event which took place on the 21st and 22nd of February 2022, and culminated in a secondary school arts exhibition with awards presented to the best student artists whose artwork reflected this year's theme.



Adebayo Olusegunfunmi from Dansol High School won First Place prize.



(From R-L) The First place winner, Adebayo Olusegunfunmi (Dansol) pictured with the Second place winner, Scott-Edema Oritsejemetemi (Maryland Comprehensive), Third place, Ezinne Okoro (ISL) and Consolation Prize winners, Anuebunwa Kosisochukwu (New Estate Baptist Secondary School) and Sadiq Sanni (Yaba Tech Secondary School)

## Institute of African and Diaspora Studies at 5

On the 17th of August 2022, the IADS celebrated its 5th anniversary. To mark the occasion, IADS hosted dignitaries such as UNILAG's 11th VC, Prof. Rahamon Bello and screened a documentary about the history of IADS.



**Picture 1:**

Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe (12th Vice Chancellor, University of Lagos with other dignitaries)



**Picture 2:**

Dr. Feyi Ademola-Adeoye, Mrs Ndidi Zedomin and some University of Lagos-ACC Principal Investigators)



**Picture 3:**

Prof. Rahamon Bello, (11th Vice Chancellor, University of Lagos)



## INAUGURAL LECTURE

Professor Luqman Ayodele Yusuff, Research Professor at IADS, delivered his inaugural lecture on the 7th of December 2022. His lecture, which was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Folashade Ogunsola was entitled “Language Engineering and the Dynamics of Reconfiguring African Studies.”





## IADS COLLABORATIONS

IADS' seven Research Clusters ensure that researchers participate in a variety of interdisciplinary engagements. IADS benefits from a strong collaboration with the Africa Multiple - Cluster of Excellence, University of Bayreuth, the major partner of the Unilag-ACC in the task of reconfiguring African Studies. Researchers in IADS also collaborate with other African Cluster Centres in Moi University, Kenya; Rhodes University, South Africa and University of Joseph Ki-Zerbo, Burkina Faso.

Beyond the Cluster of Excellence, the IADS collaborates with researchers and Institutes within the University of Lagos. The ARUA Centre of Excellence for Urbanization and Habitable Cities in Africa and the ARUA Centre of Excellence for Unemployment and Skill are strong collaborators. There is also a level of collaboration with the ACE-For Drug Research, Herbal Medicine Development and Regulatory Science, University of Lagos.

Researchers in IADS collaborated with researchers from different Institutes outside Unilag, in 2021. One such collaboration was with the Rhodes University African Studies Centre. Dr Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko worked with the centre to organise a symposium that was funded by The Open Society of Southern Africa (OSISA).

## Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan

Prof. Muyiwa Falaiye presents souvenirs and symbols of collaboration to Dr. Senayon Olaoluwa, Acting Director, Institute of African Studies (IAS), University of Ibadan at a meeting that held on the 3rd of February, 2022 to solidify plans to collaborate with IAS.



IADS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA)

On the 11th of February, 2022 the IADS representatives paid a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA). The meeting took place in the historic NIIA Conference chamber which has played host to general meetings of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in the past. IADS representatives included the Director, Prof. Muyiwa Falaiye, Head of Research, Prof. Ayo Yusuff, Dr. Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko and Mrs Ndidi Zedomi. After the meeting, Prof. Falaiye was presented with a gift by the representative of the NIIA Director.



Institute of Cultural Studies, OAU

On the 23rd of February, 2022, as part of the move to expand the IADS research partnership, IADS team had a meeting with Prof. Felix Ayoh' Omidire, (Director, Institute of Cultural Studies, OAU), Mr Akin Adejuwon (Curator and Artistic Director, Institute of Cultural Studies, OAU) and a Research Associate of the Institute of Cultural Studies, Baba Awo, at the IADS boardroom.



Prof Muyiwa Falaiye receiving gifts from Prof. Felix Ayoh' Omidire, (Director, Institute of Cultural Studies, OAU)



### University of Liverpool and Architecture and Urban Planning Research hub, Unilag

On the 30th of June 2022, IADS conducted an enlarged meeting with delegates from the University of Liverpool and the Architecture and Urban Planning Research Hub, UNILAG.



### IADS Alumni Association

The alumni association of the IADS was formally launched on the 17th of August as part of the activities to mark the 5th anniversary, it is expected that the body will form a formidable arm of collaboration with researchers and help with advocacy when necessary.



### Visit to the Goethe Institute

On the 29th October, 2022, the Researchers from the IADS visited Goethe Institute for its 60th Anniversary as part of on-going collaboration visit to further the relationship between the two Institutes.



IADS AWARDS

Nigerian Academy of Letters



On the 11th of August, Prof. Muyiwa Falaiye was admitted and inducted as a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Letters.

Rahmon Bello Best Ph.D. Thesis in African and Diaspora Studies Award

On December 6, 2022, The Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, University of Lagos honoured the winner of the 2022 Rahamon Bello Best Ph.D thesis in African Studies Award, Dr. Henrietta Omo Eshalomi, of the University of Ibadan. The 1st Runner-up was Dr. John Olatunde Mariase Uwa of the Department of English, University of Lagos and the 2nd Runner-up was Dr. Kehinde Adepegba of the Department of Dr. B. A. Ademuleya, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.



The event was graced by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Folashade Ogunsola, Prof. Rahamon Bello and other dignitaries from the University of Lagos and beyond.

**GRANTS**

**Nagel Institute, Calvin University, Michigan, USA.**



*D*r Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko was in Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan for two months (1st August - 30th September 2022) as part of the Nagel grant activities. He used the Library and met with the President of Calvin University (Dr. Wiebe Boer) as well as the Director of Nagel grants (Prof. Afe Adogame) and grant administrator (Nellie Kooistra)



**UNILAG-ACC**

## UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS- AFRICAN CLUSTER CENTRE (UNILAG-ACC)

The University of Lagos - African Cluster Centre is an organ of the Africa Multiple - Cluster of Excellence in African Studies, University of Bayreuth, Germany, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). This organ shares the same mission of the Cluster of Excellence to Reconfigure African Studies with 3 Cardinal principles: Reflexivity, Relationality, and Multiplicity. This vision is being pursued through five strongly linked entities: the Africa Multiple - Cluster of Excellence in African Studies, University of Bayreuth, Germany, the University of Lagos-ACC, Moi-ACC, Joseph Ki-Zerbo-ACC and Rhodes-ACC.

The African multiple is the name of the cluster of excellence at the University of Bayreuth, and this reflects the multifaceted goals set by the research organization upon its establishment. At the core of the African Multiple's strategy to reconfigure African studies is the unique idea of a global network of researchers affiliated with the African Cluster Centres. The 'African Cluster Centres' (ACCs) form the most important partnerships the African Multiple has. The ACCs are:

- The University of Lagos (Lagos, Nigeria)
- Moi University (Eldoret, Kenya)
- Universite Joseph Ki-Zerbo (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso)
- Rhodes University (Makhanda / Grahamstown, South Africa).

The Unilag-ACC is hosted by the University of Lagos, Nigeria and located at the Institute of African and Diaspora studies (IADS), J.P. Clark Building.

## OFFICIALS OF THE UNILAG-ACC



**Prof. Muyiwa Falaiye**  
Director

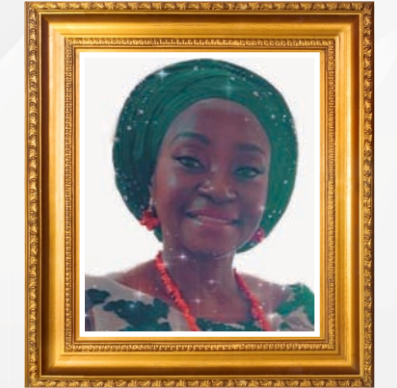


**Prof. Ayo Yusuff**  
Academic Coordinator

There are four other Lagos-ACC staff whose job is to ensure smooth running of the centre:



**Mr. Saheed Owosho**  
B.Sc., M.Sc. FCA  
Head of Finance



**Mrs. Ndidi Zedomi**  
B.A., MA, MCIPM, MITD  
Head of Admin, Gender & Diversity



**Mrs. Bilqis Alayaki**  
B.Sc., M.Sc., MIT.  
Head of IT.



**Miss Oluwatobi B. Akinpelade, B.Sc.**  
Office Assistant

## PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS OF UNILAG-ACC

The Principal Investigators (PI) in the Unilag -ACC make up a group of researchers who are members of the Cluster in Bayreuth and enjoy the privilege of leading research projects as well as accessing research grants from the Cluster. Unilag-ACC has sixteen Principal Investigators (PIs) across disciplines such as Philosophy, Linguistics, History, Political Science, Literature and Popular Culture, Creative and Visual Arts, African Medicine, Urban and Regional Planning, and Education.

**Prof. Dr. Muiyiwa Falaiye**, *Professor of African Philosophy*

**Prof. Dr. Olufunke Adeboye**, *Professor of Social History and Current Dean of Arts, University of Lagos, Nigeria*

**Prof. Dr. Peju Layiwola**, *Professor of Art History*

**Prof. Dr. Ayo Yusuff**, *Research Professor of Linguistics and Language Engineering*

**Prof. Dr. Taibat Lawanson**, *Professor of Urban Planning*

**Prof. Dr. Franca Attoh**, *Professor of Sociology*

**Prof. Dr. Patrick Oloko**, *Professor of Literature and Cultural Studies*

**Prof. Dr. Kayode Eesuola**, *Research Associate Professor (Political Science)*

**Prof. Dr. Anthony Okeregebe**, *(Philosophy)*

**Dr. Feyi Ademola-Adeoye**, *(Linguistics)*

**Prof. Dr. Peter Oni**, *(Philosophy)*

**Dr. Ademola Fayemi**, *(Philosophy)*

**Dr. Moses Yakubu**, *Senior Research Fellow at IADS (History and Strategic Studies)*

**Dr. Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko**, *Senior Research Fellow (African Religions, Cultures and Traditional Medicine)*

**Dr. Abisoye Eleshin**, *Research Fellow (African Language and Cultures)*

**Dr. Oluwatoyin Olokodana-James**, *(Creative Arts)*

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The Unilag-ACC has six Research Sections (RS): Arts & Aesthetics, Knowledges, Learning, Moralities, Mobilities and Affiliations. Each RS has a spokesperson that coordinates the research activities in the section. Each RS is open to interested researchers from various disciplines.

### AFFILIATIONS

**Spokesperson:** Dr. Peter ONI

**Member:** Dr. Moses YAKUBU

### ART & AESTHETICS

**Spokesperson:** Prof. Patrick OLOKO

**Members:** Prof. Dr. Adepeju LAYIWOLA & Dr. Toyin OLOKODANA-JAMES

### KNOWLEDGES

**Spokesperson:** Dr. Kayode EESUOLA

**Members:** Prof. Dr. Olumuyiwa FALAIYE, Prof. Dr. Olufunke ADEBOYE, Dr. Feyisayo ADEMOLA-ADEOYE & Dr. Abisoye ELESHIN

### LEARNINGS

**Spokesperson:** Dr. Tony OKEREGBE

**Member:** Prof. Ayodele YUSUFF

### MOBILITIES

**Spokesperson:** Dr. Franca ATTOH

**Member:** Dr. Taibat LAWANSON

### MORALITIES

**Spokesperson:** Prof. Akinmayowa AKIN-OTIKO

**Member:** Prof. Ademola FAYEMI

UNILAG-ACC PI LECTURE SERIES

In keeping with the Unilag-ACC agenda to reconfigure African Studies, the PI Lecture series was designed to create an avenue for PIs and visiting fellows to disseminate both in-progress and finished work, so as to achieve robust research. Nine PI lectures were presented in 2022.



i) On 16th February 2022, **Prof. Funke Adeboye** delivered the first PI lecture of the year entitled '*Revisiting "Tin-Trunk" Literacy in Africa: The Value of Internal Sources of Knowledge Production.*'



ii) The second PI lecture took place on the 16th of March, 2022. It was delivered by Visiting Research Fellow **Dr. Munir Moosa**. His topic was '*Brief Overview on the State of Human Rights Education (HRE) and Challenges of Introducing HRE in Africa - Hanking Comundrum.*'



iii) The third PI lecture took place on 20 April, 2022. **James Barnett** and **Dr. Murtala Rufai** jointly delivered a lecture titled: '*Tit-for-Tat Violence, Communal Grievances and the Banditry Crisis in Northwest Nigeria.*'



iv) The Fourth PI lecture took place on 14 June, 2022 and was delivered by Visiting Research Fellow, **Dr. Ife Paul Atihou**. The lecture was entitled: '*African Union and African Heads of State: Compromise or Failure? The case study of Benin Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, and Guinea Conakry.*'



v) The Fifth PI Lecture was delivered on 13 July, 2022 by Postdoctoral Fellow, **Dr. Shina Alimi**. His lecture was entitled: '*A Tale of Two Cities: Cemetary Heteretopia and Spatial Relations in Lagos.*'

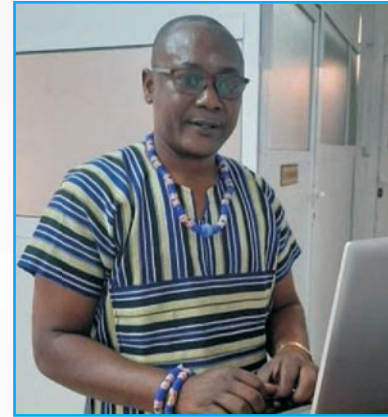




vi) The sixth PI Lecture took place on 21st September, 2022. **Dr. Moses Yakubu** delivered a paper entitled '*Premarital Pregnancy and Parturition in Burkina Faso and Nigeria: Prerequisites for Modern Marriage?*'



vii) The seventh PI Lecture took place on 19 October, 2022. Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Christabel Aba Sam delivered a paper entitled '*Voices of Men in the Margins: A Stylistic Analysis of Fishing Songs in Two Regional Coasts.*'



viii) The eighth and final PI Lecture of the year took place on 24 November 2022. Visiting Fellow Prof. Mawuloe Koffi Kodah delivered a paper entitled '*Literary Perspectives on Development Policies and Strategies in Africa: A Critical Reading of Selected Postcolonial African Novelists*'

**GUEST LECTURES**

In addition to the ongoing PI Lecture series, Unilag-ACC also hosted lectures from guest researchers.



On 11 April, 2022 **Dr. Pauline Guinard**, Associate Professor of Geography at the École Normale Supérieure, France, presented a paper entitled "The Tangible and Intangible Impacts of the Eko Atlantic City."



On 24 August 2022, Lagos-ACC hosted **Prof. Adebola Ekanola** from the University of Ibadan. Prof. Ekanola delivered a lecture entitled "Global Realities and the Future of African Studies" as part of the programme of events for the African Cluster of Excellence Strategic Planning Meeting of the Advisory Board and ACC Directors.

## GRANTS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

## Grants: Centre Funded Projects

For the Year 2022, Unilag-ACC currently has Cluster funded projects; 4 of which are Short-Term Projects and 1 Long-Term Project:

## Short-Term Projects are:

1. Locating the Albatross in Women's Political Participation in Sub-Saharan Africa (Dr. Feyi Ademola-Adeoye)
2. Ethics Dumping: An Integrative Study of Research Ethics Governance in Burkina Faso, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa (Dr. Kazeem Fayemi & Dr. Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko)
3. Municipal Road Construction in Kenya and Nigeria: Investigating the Politics of Infrastructure Development (Dr. Moses Yakubu & Prof. Franca Attoh)
4. Mobilities Across West African Corridors (Prof. Dr. Taibat Lawanson & Dr. Abisoye Eleshin)

## Long-Term Project is:

1. The Socio-political Thoughts of Orunmila in the Home and Diaspora Practices of Ifa (Prof. Dr. Kayode Eesuola)

## Unilag-ACC: Centre Funded Projects

The Unilag-ACC also promotes research that originates from Africa as a huge part of reconfiguring African Studies. PIs from Unilag-ACC competed for small grants to respond to some research concerns. The following were approved for 2022:

1. Growing up in African Cities: Focus on Low-Income Communities in Lagos (Prof. Dr. Taibat Lawanson & Dr. Abisoye Eleshin)
2. Appraising Kánàko and Egbé – Traditional Methods of Teleportation for Entrepreneurial Development and Intergenerational Literacy among Hunters in South-West Nigeria (Dr. Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko & Dr. Blessing Anyikwa)
3. Moral Challenges and Technological Prospects of Computerised Ifá Divination for Traditional Diviners in South-West Nigeria (Dr. Ademola Fayemi & Dr. Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko)
4. From Wacky Warri to Ludic Lagos: A Pilot Study of Comedy Entrepreneurship and Trans-regional Mobility of Humour in Nigeria (Prof. Dr. Patrick Oloko & Dr. Anthony Okeregbe)
5. Housewives' Coping Strategies During Covid-19 Lockdown in Nigeria: Towards Alternative Policies for Women's Protection (Prof. Dr. Franca Attoh & Dr. Moses Yakubu)
6. Interrogating the Repugnancy Doctrine in African Traditional Succession and Inheritance Mechanisms (Dr. Peter Oni & Prof. Dr. Friday Ndubuisi)
7. Cemetery heterotopia: Social Stereotypes and Boundaries of “Other Spaces” in Lagos (Dr. Moses Yakubu & Dr. Shina Alimi)
8. Voices of Men in the Margins: A Stylistics Analysis of Fishing Songs in Two Regional Coasts (Dr. Moses Yakubu & Dr. Christabel Aba Sam)

**UNILAG-ACC THESIS COMPLETION AWARD**

In 2020 Unilag-ACC began an annual These Completion Award scheme to sponsor Ph.D. students in the humanities within the University of Lagos to promote the reconfiguration of African Studies. Ten candidates were shortlisted and interviewed on 13th January 2022. The process led to the selection of then Mrs. Ebele Chibuzor, Mr. Charles Akwen. Both candidates were awarded the sum of one million naira each for the 2022/2023 academic session.



**Mrs. Ebele Chibuzor** (Sociology) with a Project title: 'Gendered Disaster: A Comparison of the Experiences of Men and Women in 2012 Flood-Affected Communities in Anambra State'



**Dr. Charles Akwen** (English) with a Project title: 'Representations on the Move: Constructing Multiple Identities in Nigerian and Chinese Poetry from Taiwan'

**BOOK AWARD**

The University of Unilag - ACC funded the publication of two books as part of her mission to reconfigure African Studies.

**Peju Layiwola's**  
**INDIGO REIMAGINED**  
 Rethinking Àdìrẹ in Yorùbá Fashion and Textile Modernity

**Publisher:**  
 Institute of African and Diaspora Studies,  
 University of Lagos, 2021

**Editor:** Patrick Oloko  
 206pp, 51 plates

**BOOK LAUNCH & PRESENTATION**  
 15 DECEMBER, 2022  
 Ashluxury, 21B Admiralty Way, Lekki, Lagos.

**HU ÌWÀ SÌI BÌ ÈNÌYÀN ELÉRAN ARA:**

An Ethical Theory of Interaction in African Traditional Medicine (ATM)

Akin-Otiko, Akinmayowa

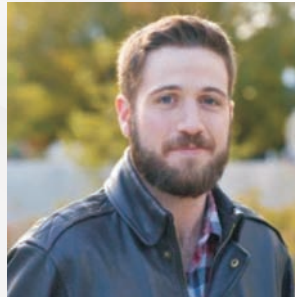
## UNILAG-ACC FELLOWSHIP

There are two types of fellowship in this section, first are the one's won by PIs from Unilag-ACC and the second are the ones awarded by Unilag-ACC

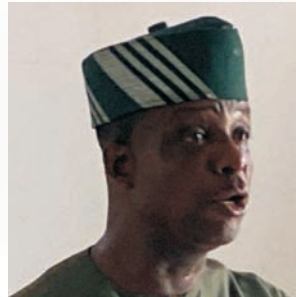
## Fellowships Awarded by Lagos-ACC



**Prof. Munir Moosa Sewani** was a fellow of the Unilag-ACC from January - March 2022. He is a Professor of Human Rights Education from the Sindh Madressatul Islam University & Global Forum for Teacher Educators in Karachi, Pakistan. He was selected as Unilag-ACC Fellows for 2021, but commenced his fellowship in Pakistan due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.



**James Barnett** was Visiting Research Fellow from February to May 2022. He is a Research Fellow at the Hudson Institute in the United States.



**Dr. Ife Paul Atihou** was Visiting Research Fellow from April to July 2022. He is a lecturer at the University of Abomey, Calavi, Benin Republic.



**Dr. Shina Alimi** was a postdoctoral fellow of the Unilag-ACC from February to August 2022. He is a researcher at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife.



**Dr. Christabel Aba Sam** was a postdoctoral fellow of the Unilag-ACC from June - November 2022. She is a researcher at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana.



**Prof. Mawuloe Koffi Kodah** was a visiting research fellow of the Unilag-ACC from September 2022 to December 2022. He is a Professor of Francophone African Literature at the University of Cape Coast Ghana.

**FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED TO UNILAG-ACC RESEARCHERS**

**UNILAG-ACC CONFERENCES**



Unilag-ACC PIs, **Dr. Abisoye Eleshin** and **Prof. Dr. Patrick Oloko** won Moi-ACC, Kenya fellowships in 2022. Dr. Eleshin was at Moi from June to August 2022 while Prof. Oloko spent the months of August and September at Moi-ACC.



**Dr. Anthony Okeregbe** won a fellowship from the African Multiple Cluster of Excellence, the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced Studies. His fellowship at Bayreuth took place from October to December 2022.



In connection with the award of a \$50,000 grant from the Nagel Institute at Calvin University, USA in 2021, **Dr. Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko** conducted a residency at Calvin University from [August to September 2022.]



Principal investigators from the Unilag-ACC; participated in the VAD Conference at the Albert Ludwig University from the 7th to 10th of June 2022.



Dr. Moses Yakubu and Abisoye Eleshin attended the Afterlives of Slavery in the Transatlantic World conference in Monrovia, Liberia on October 17-19, 2022.

**EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS**

Junior Research Fellows, Bolatito Kolawole and Hamed Olanrewaju travelled to Maputo, Mozambique for the 2022 Factory of Ideas Summer School.



**UNILAG-ACC WORKSHOPS**



In April 12th - 13th, 2022 the Unilag-ACC hosted a 2-day Workshop on “Regenerating Non-Formal Learning in Africa: Digitizing Folktales for Animation and Value Education.” The workshop was organised by Prof. Ayo Yusuff and Dr. Abisoye Eleshin.

The Keynote speakers were Prof. Akoete Amouzou, Professor of African Literature in English at Université de Kara Togo and Prof. Oladele Caleb Orimoogunje, Professor of Yoruba Oral Literature at UNILAG (on the left).

### Unilag-ACC Mobility workshop

On 21st July, 2022 Bayreuth Fellows Prof. Dr. Henriette Gunkel of Ruhr-Universität Bochum and Prof. Dr. Viviane de Freitas of UFRB-Brazil presented a workshop on Ancestral Time to conclude their stay under the Unilag-ACC Mobility Programme.



Prof. Dr. Viviane de Freitas



Prof. Dr. Henriette Gunkel

Seminar Seminar Seminar!!!  
**The Lagos-ACC**  
 (Research Section: Moralities and Learning)  
 invites you to a seminar to disseminate findings of a  
 2022-Lagos-ACC Centre-funded project entitled:  
**Appraising Kánàkò and Egbé - Traditional Methods of  
 Teleportation for Entrepreneurial Development and  
 Intergenerational Literacy among  
 Hunters in South-West, Nigeria.**

On the 9th of November, 2022, Dr. Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko and Prof. Dr. Blessing Anyikwa, PIs on the Kanako and Egbe project organised a symposium to disseminate their findings and to complement the data from the field.

**THE URBAN CORRIDORS VALIDATION AND DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022.**



Prof. Taibat Lawanson and Dr. Abisoye Eleshin organised The Urban Corridors Validation and Dissemination Workshop on Thursday, November 17, 2022. This was a continuation of the project entitled: Youth and Informal Labour Migrations across West African Urban Corridors.

**Development Writing Workshop**

In 15th November-16th November 2022, PIs, Prof. Taibat Lawanson and Dr. Abisoye Eleshin hosted a writing workshop entitled “Reimagining African Concepts and Contexts of Development: Writing Workshop.”





The programme featured a keynote address by Dr. Sharon Omotosho from the Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan. remarks from Dr. Christine Vogt-William, the Cluster GDO Director, Heads of the other GDOs in the various ACCs.



Mrs. Ndidi Zedomi,



Dr. Sharon Omotosho

### **Inaugural Gender and Diversity Workshop**

On 23rd November, 2022 the Unilag-ACC hosted Unilag-ACC's first Gender and Diversity Workshop entitled "Exploring the Impact of Intersectionality in Academia and Research." The event was spearheaded by Mrs. Ndidi Zedomi, who heads Unilag-ACC's Gender and Diversity office.



# UNILAG-ACC EVENTS

The Unilag-African Cluster Centre began the year 2022 with a launch of Unilag-ACC Lecture Series. The first edition was hosted by the Research Section: Moralities on the 10th of January, 2022 at the IADS gallery. The speaker was Prof. Toyin Falola. The lecture was entitled “Supranaturality, Supernaturality and Spirituality in the Yoruba World”.



2021 RESEARCH PROJECTS & FIELDWORK



Prof. Muyiwa Falaiye (Director, IADS) Prof Okoro with a Research Assistant on the field in Enugu for the project on the relational study of Ifa and Afa for the long-term Orunmila Project on 18th March 2022.



Dr Yakubu Moses on a field trip in Kaduna for the women in Politics project.



Dr. Feyi Ademola-Adeoye is pictured in Akure on a field trip with research assistants for the Municipal Road Project and one of the project's key informants on the 7th of April, 2022.

The Women in Politics Project team is pictured with princess Adesewa Adebajo, Special Adviser to Oyo State Governor on Women Affairs.



Dr. Shina Alimi at the National Archives, University of Ibadan.

## CLUSTER COLLABORATIONS

On the 27th of February, the Directors of the ACCs met in Burkina Faso for the ACC Directors' Meeting.



Prof. Falaiye is pictured with Prof. Peter Simatei (Moi-ACC), Prof. Yacouba Banhero (ACC-Ouagadougou) and Prof. Enocent Msindo (Rhodes-ACC)



### Director of Unilag-ACC Visited Moi-ACC

On the 28th of April the Director of the Unilag-ACC was in Kenya to deliver a keynote for a two-day workshop on Decolonising Anthropology in African Studies. He is pictured below with 2021 Visiting Fellow to Unilag-ACC Prof. Dr. Bernard Sorre.

## Unilag-ACC Delegation Visits Bayreuth

On Sunday, May 8, 2022, six delegates from Unilag-ACC arrived in Bayreuth to discuss the future and cooperation among the African Clusters Centres, who were also in attendance. The Unilag-ACC was represented by (L-R) Prof. Ayo Yusuff, Dr. Feyi Ademola-Adeoye, Prof. Muyiwa Falaiye, Mrs. Ndidi Zedomi, Dr. 'Kayode Eesuola and Mrs. Bilqis Alayaki. They are pictured below with the Dean of the Cluster, Prof. Rüdiger Seeseman.



## Bayreuth Management Team and Advisory Board Meeting in Lagos

The African Cluster of Excellence Management Team and Advisory Board from Bayreuth visited the Unilag-ACC and held their meeting from the 22nd to 28th of August 2022. In attendance were the Directors of the ACC and some key Cluster members from Bayreuth.



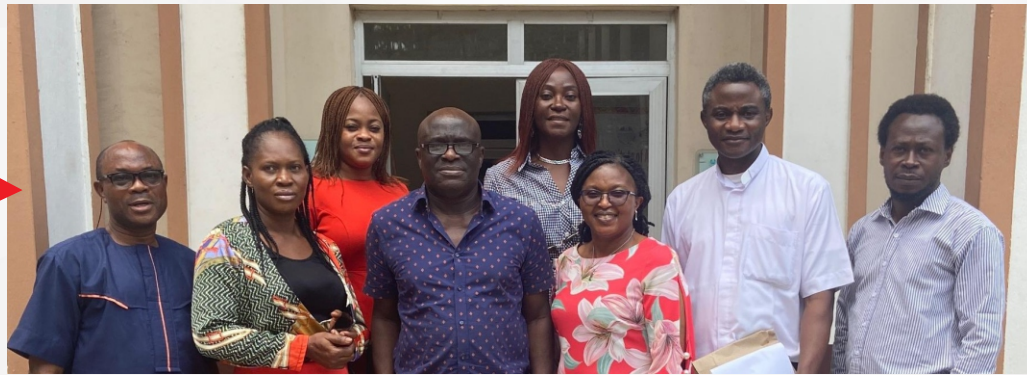
VISITORS

The IADS and the Unilag-ACC had different classes of visitors to the Institute in 2022. There were visits from royal fathers, ambassadors, collaborator and senior and young researchers, Ph.D. students from different parts of

On the 20th of January 2023, Institute had the honour of hosting the Alaafin of Oyo whose daughter, Adedoja Adeyemi, emerged as the best graduating Student of the MA African and Diaspora Studies Programme (2019/2020 set).



From the 19th - 25th of February, Dr. Henrietta Nyamnjuh (3rd from the , right) Project advisor for the Nagel Grant at Calvin University, paid a courtesy visit to the Nagel team at IADS led by Dr. Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko and Dr. Toyin Olokodana-James.



Researchers from the Institute of Cultural Studies, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife visited IADS on the 23rd of February.



Prof. Falaiye is pictured above with Dr. Felix Ayoh-Omidire, Director of the Institute of Cultural Studies.



The German Consul-General, Dr. Bernd von Münchow-Pohl paid a visit to IADS on the 25th of April in recognition of its existing partnership with the University of Bayreuth and in view of further opportunities for collaboration. He is pictured below with Prof. Falaiye.

IADS received Ms Gudrun Chazotte, the Head of the Africa Dept. of the German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Longtime friend of the Institute and DAAD resident representative, Dr. Gerald Heusing was also in attendance.



IADS received delegates from the University of Architecture and Urban Planning research hub, Unilag on 30 June 2022 to discuss the commencement of a research affiliation.

On the 14th of September, 2022 Prof. Dr. Matthias Krings, from the department of Anthropology and African Studies at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany. He came to discuss collaboration opportunities with IADS particularly in view of the recently signed MOU between the two institutions.





Family and Friends of Prof. Muiyiwa Falaiye and Prof. John Ayotunde Bewaji visited the IADS after the NAL 24th Convocation and Investiture of New Fellows on 11 August 2022.



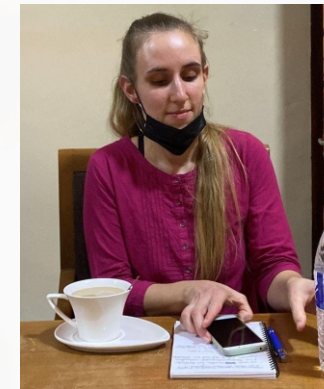
On the 30th of August, the IADS welcomed Stephanie Czerny, CEO of DLD Media, along with Kerstin Heiligenstetter, Managing Partner, 787 Consulting, and Felicitas Ludwig, Business Operations Manager at DLD Media. The visitors came to investigate ways of collaborating with the Institute.



On the 10th of November 2022, the coordinator of BIGSAS Michelle Heese and Mirjam Straber, the coordinator of the European Interdisciplinary Master African Studies (EIMAS) and the Africa-Bayreuth International Alumni Network (afriBIAN) visited the IADS to discuss collaboration and programs for Early Career Scholars.

STUDENTS VISITORS

IADS welcomed a number of student visitors to the institute for short-term research visits. These visitors included: Tanja Löcker, University of Bayreuth, Germany.



Tanja Löcker an MA student from Bayreuth, visited IADS on the 7th of January for a short term research trip. She is pictured during one of the IADS' Weekly meetings.

Others include:

1. Carla Coburger, University of Bayreuth, Germany
2. Sophia Ertlmaier, University of Bayreuth, Germany
3. Diekara Oloruntoba-Oju, Harvard University, USA
4. One Pusumane, University of Edinburgh, UK
5. Millogo Gérard, Université of Joseph Ki-Zerbo, Burkina Faso