



**RESEARCHING ETHNIC CONFLICT IN AFRICA
ETHICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES IN RESEARCHING
VIOLENT SOCIETIES**

**University of Ibadan, Conference Centre, 26-28 February 2002
WORKSHOP PROGRAMME**

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2002 (and earlier arrivals)

Arrival in Nigeria for international participants. Participants will be met at airport by University of Ibadan representative and taken to the Lagos Airport Hotel .

MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2002

- 10:00 Transfer to Ibadan
12:00 Arrive Ibadan
14:00 Workshop organisers planning meeting
19:00 Welcome Dinner in the Conference Centre

TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2002

10:00 - 12:00 OPENING CEREMONY

Chair: Dr Eghosa Emmanuel Osaghae, PEFS, University of Ibadan

Official Opening

Professor Ayodele Falase, Vice Chancellor of the University of Ibadan

Welcome from CEPACS Director

Professor 'Bayo Adeganye, University of Ibadan

Welcome from INCORE

Ms. Gillian Robinson, UNU/INCORE, University of Ulster

**Launch of INCORE - CEPACS British Council Higher Education
Link Programme and *From Violence to Politics*, a UNU/INCORE
Occasional Paper by Professor 'Bayo Adeganye**

Keynote Address

Professor J. Adele Jinadu, *Challenging the Gods of Ethnicity*

12:00 - 13:30 LUNCH

13:30 – 15:30 OPENING PLENARY: Researching Ethnic Conflicts in Africa: International and Local Challenges

Chair: Gillian Robinson, UNU/INCORE, University of Ulster

Gillian Robinson, UNU/INCORE, University of Ulster, *Aims of this Workshop*

Dr. Eghosa Osaghae, University of Ibadan, *Transitions and Ethnic Conflict in Africa*

Dr. Marie Smyth, Institute for Conflict Research and University of Ulster, *Can a mzungu/obronyi/oyibo do useful research in Africa? Considerations, dangers, potential tools and the challenge in initiating research that might be of use to the mzungu/ obronyi/oyibo and to Africans.*

Dr. Albrecht Schnabel, United Nations University, *Understanding Violence and Peace in Divided Societies: The Basis for Sustainable Peace Support Strategies*

15:30 - 16:00 COFFEE

16:00 - 17:30 SESSION 1: Conflict Research in Africa - Case Studies I

Chair: Dr. Isaac Olawale Albert, University of Ibadan

Dr. Bolanle Adetoun, Abuja, *The role and function of research in divided societies: a case study of the Niger-Delta Region Ethnic Conflict in Africa*

Dr. Asnake Kefale, Addis Ababa University, *The role and function of ethnic conflict research within the Ethiopian context*

19:00 Cocktails at the Institute of African Studies Courtyard.

Launch - Researching Violently Divided Societies Book

DINNER

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2002

9:00 – 11:00 SESSION 2: Conflict Research in Africa - Case Studies II

Chair: Dr. Albrecht Schnabel, United Nations University

Dr. Isaac Olawale Albert, University of Ibadan, *Social work practice as a field method for studying ethnic militias: The OPC case study in Nigeria*

Joseph Shopade, USAID, *Cultural variation and conflict management in Nigeria: an insight*

Professor Dominic Aygeman, UCC, Ghana, *Accessing refugees as a minority group in an economically depressed host society: The participatory approach, its funding and ethical implications. The case of Liberian and Togolese refugees in Ghana*

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE

11:30 – 13:00 SESSION 3: Gender Perspectives in Researching Violent Societies

Chair: Cheyanne Church, UNU/INCORE, University of Ulster

Dr. Erin K Baines, University of British Columbia, *Gender sensitive research in violently divided societies: on methods and ethics of international researchers*

Dr. Bola Udegbe, University of Ibadan, *Women and leadership in Nigeria*

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 16:00 SESSION 4: Conflict Research in Africa - Case Studies III

Chair: Dr. Bola Udegbe, University of Ibadan

Dr. Assis Malaquias, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, *Researching Angola's protracted ethnic conflict*

William Ahadzie, Centre for Policy Studies, Ghana, *Researching Ethnic Conflict in Ghana: Approaches and Challenges*

Arsene Mwaka Bwenge, CEP, Congo, *Research on ethno-political conflicts and violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo: ethical and methodological considerations*

16:00 – 16:30 COFFEE

16:30 - 17:30 SESSION 5: Workshop on Ethical and Other Considerations for 'Outsider' Researchers in Africa

Chair: Dr. Marie Smyth, Institute for Conflict Research and University of Ulster.

A discussion about the ethical and other considerations that are necessary for 'outsider' researchers to bear in mind when embarking on work in Africa and other developing countries.

19:00 DINNER

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2002

9:00 – 11:00 SESSION 6: Methodological Challenges

Chair: Professor 'Bayo Adekanye, CEPACS, University of Ibadan

Gillian Robinson, UNU/INCORE, *Comparative Policy Research in Societies in Transition*

William Boateng, UCC, Ghana, *Studying Conflicts in Ghana: Emerging Methodological Issues*

Zoe Wilson, Dalhousie University, *Certainty, Subjectivity and Truth: Reflections on the Ethnography of Wartime Research in Angola*

11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE

11:30 - 13:15 SESSION 7 : Conflict Research and Policy

Chair: Dr Marie Smyth, Institute for Conflict Research and University of Ulster

Karen Colvard, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, *Barriers to the Use of Research in Public Policy on Violence*

Cheyenne Church, UNU/INCORE, *Conflict Research and Policy: When, why and how can research make a policy impact?*

Dr. Robert Miller, Queen's University Belfast, *Evaluation Research In A Politicized Context*

13:15 – 14:15 LUNCH

14:15 - 16:00 SESSION 8: Key Issues in Researching Violent Societies

Chair: Dr. Eghosa Osaghae, University of Ibadan

Dr. Jibril Ibrahim, International Human Right Law Group, *Title to be confirmed*

Chizor Wisdom Dike, Community Rights Initiative (CORI), Niger Delta Region, *Open Wounds, Open Hearts: Expanding The Frontiers Of Research In Violent Societies*

Jacqueline Gallinetti, LLB, University of Cape Town, *Researching Violent Societies: Accessing the Child's Voice*

16:00 – 16:30 COFFEE

16:30 - 17:30 CLOSING PLENARY and Author Meeting

Chair: Gillian Robinson, UNU/INCORE, University of Ulster

18:00 CULTURAL EVENING and DINNER

FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2002

Most participants depart.

Reflecting on Peace Practice Event begins for those participating.

RECA organisers closing meeting

SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2002

Reflecting on Peace Practice Day 2.

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2002

Remaining participants depart.