



Ife Institute  
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# 9TH ANNUAL SUMMER INSTITUTE

IIAS 2025



*Theme:* \_\_\_\_\_

## THINKING BEYOND ACADEMIA:

TEACHING SKILLS, SERVING COMMUNITY, AND DOING LIFE RESEARCH



Date:

Monday 21st July -

Friday, 1st August, 2025



Venue:

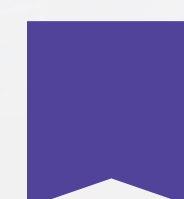
AFRICAN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE,  
CONFERENCE HALL

Obafemi Awolowo University,  
Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

## SCHEDULE



# DAILY PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE





SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, 20TH JULY, 2025 – FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST

DATE/TIME (WAT)	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	HOST
Sunday, 20th July 2025	Arrival of Participants and Facilitators	Speaker	Host Facilitators IIAS Secretariat
DAY 1			
Monday 21st July 2025 9.00 AM – 9.05 AM	Welcome Address	Prof. Jacob Olupona	
9.05 AM – 10.05 AM	Workshop I: Skills and Practice Thinking beyond Academia: Maximising the Summer Institute Experience		Host Facilitator Dr. Tayo Owoeye
10.05 AM - 11.00 AM	Panel I: IIAS Small Grant Presentations	Panelists: Ossai Onyinyechi Gift Opeyemi Olodude Afolabi Abiola Ayokomi Mary Idongesit Umossoh Adewole Adedayo Oreoluwa	Host Facilitator Prof. Afe Adogame
11.00 AM - 12.00 PM	Meet the Fellows: Introduction of Mentors, Presenters, Facilitators and Fellows		
12.00 PM – 12.45 AM	LUNCH (ALL GUESTS TO BE SEATED BEFORE 12.45PM)		
1.00 PM – 1.15 PM	Introduction of the Chief Host and Distinguished Personalities		Host Facilitators Prof. David Ogungbile Prof. Taiwo Soneye Dr. Tayo Owoeye
1.15 PM – 1.30 PM	Welcome Address	Prof. Simeon Bamire (Vice-Chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria)	
1.30 PM – 1.45 PM	Convener’s Remarks	Prof. Jacob Olupona (Convener, IIAS Harvard University)	

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1.45 PM – 3.00 PM	<b>Keynote Address</b> "Thinking Beyond Academia: Teaching Skills, Serving Community and Doing Life Research"	<b>Professor Neil Roos</b> <i>(Professor of History Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Fort Hare)</i>	Amenaghawon Idawu ( <i>Citation Reading</i> )
3.00 PM – 3.30 PM	<b>Q &amp; A Session</b>		
3.30 PM – 3.35 PM	<b>Vote of thanks</b>		Prof. David Ogungbile
3.35 PM – 4.05 PM	<b>Photo Session/Interview</b>		
4.05 PM – 5.30 PM	<b>Workshop II: Skills and Practice</b> A Conversation about Elevator Pitches and Self-pitch	Dr. Nkatha Kabira	<b>Host</b> Dimeji Ogunoye
<div>DAY 2</div>			
Tuesday 22nd July, 2025 9.00 AM – 10.00 AM	<b>Workshop III: Skills and Practice</b> Grant Writing	Professor Afe Adogame	Professor Afe Adogame
10.00 AM - 11.00 AM	<b>Plenary Session I: Theory and Practice</b> Exploring New Paradigms in the Humanities	Prof. Marta Figlerowicz	<b>Host</b> Dr. Durojaiye Owoeye
11.00 AM - 12.00 pm	<b>Workshop IV: Skills and Practice</b> Building Conceptual and Theoretical Frameworks	Prof. Victor Counted	<b>Host</b> Dr. Levi Mokake
12.00 PM – 1.00 PM	<b>Workshop V: Skills and Practice</b> Making Research Count for Community: Community-Based Research Methodologies	Prof. Nanre Nafziger Prof. Krystal Strong	<b>Host</b> Dr. Tayo Owoeye
1.00 PM - 1.30 PM	LUNCH		



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1.30 PM - 2.45 PM	<b>Plenary Session II:</b> Pedagogical Innovation for Democratic Literacy	Prof. Doris Sommer	<b>Host</b> Dr. Olaoluwa Ayokunmi
2.45 PM - 3.45 PM	<b>Workshop VI: Skills and Practice</b> The Curriculum Builder's Toolkit	Prof. Margaret Lombe	Dr. Victor Adim
3.45 PM – 4.15 PM	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>		
4.15 PM – 5.30 PM	<b>Panel II: Creating African Epistemologies</b> Telling New Stories, the Old Way: Oral Traditions in a Changing World	Prof. Ayodeji Ogunnaike	<b>Host</b> Dr. Chigozie Samuel Nwaka
<div>DAY 3</div>			
<b>Wednesday 23rd July, 2025</b> 9.00 AM – 10.15 AM	<b>Panel III</b> “Covid19, Fragility and Failure in Nigeria.”  “Development AID and Gender Equality in Sub-Saharan Africa: How effective is Development Aid in Bridging the Gap?”	Dr. Tolulope Osayomi  Prof. Damilola Agbalajobi	<b>Host</b> Dr. Oluwatoyin Ikuteyijo
10.15 AM - 11.15 AM	<b>Workshop VII: Skills and Practice:</b> Studying and Writing Life Narratives	Prof. Gbemisola Adeoti	<b>Host</b> Adewale Onagbesan
11.15 AM – 12.15 PM	<b>Workshop VIII: Skills and Practice</b> Using AI Ethically: AI-Powered Research	Dr. Jeri Smith-Cronin	<b>Host</b> Dr. Tayo Owoeye
12.15 PM – 1.15 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>		
1.15 PM – 2.30 PM	<b>Workshop IX: Skills and Practice</b> New Institutional Economics	Prof. Jonathan Greenacre	<b>Host</b> Dr. Wale Olaopa



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2.30 PM – 3.30 PM	<b>Conversational Panel I</b> Beyond the Classroom: Learning within the Context of Historical and Living Communities	Prof. Melissa Bartholomew Prof. Tracey Hucks	<b>Host</b> Dr. Sheila Otieno
3.30 PM - 4.00 PM	NETWORKING BREAK		
4.00 PM – 5.30 PM	<b>Respondent Panel I:</b> Using AI Ethically: Defining Academic Productivity	<b>Speaker</b> Dr. Chibuzor Udokwu <b>Respondents</b> Prof. Ayodeji Oluwatope Prof. Douglas Buttrey	<b>Host</b> Dr. Kehinde Bello
DAY 4			
Thursday 24th July, 2025 9.00 AM – 10.15 AM	<b>Conversational Panel II</b> Breaking Silos: Fostering Effective Interdisciplinary Partnerships – Strategies for building productive collaborations across disciplines.	Dr. Samantha Lakin Prof. Akinyemi Akanni Dr. Nkatha Kabira	<b>Host</b> Dr. Khedidja Chergui
10.15 AM – 11.45 AM	<b>Panel IV</b> “Academic ‘Fathers’/’Parents’, and ‘Sons’/’Daughters’: Mentorship, Creating Opportunities and Building Legacy	Faculty Members and Fellows	Faculty Members and Fellows
11.45 AM – 1.00 PM	<b>Respondent Panel II:</b> Building Sustainable and Impactful Research	<b>Speaker:</b> Prof. Victor Counted <b>Respondent:</b> Prof. Tope Olomola	<b>Host</b> Gloria Aghogho Okunola
1.00 PM – 1.45 PM	LUNCH		
1.45 PM – 2.45 PM	<b>Workshop X: Skills and Practice</b> From Idea to Publication: Mastering the Art of Manuscript Writing	Prof. Morenike Ukpong	<b>Host</b> Gatama Safiya Johnson



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2.45 PM - 3.45 PM	<b>Conversational Panel III</b> Bridging Worlds: Conversations on Collaborating with Industry	Prof. Gbemisola Adeoti Prof. Opeyemi Ekundayo Dr. Catherine Olajumoke Oyetunji- Alemede	<b>Host</b> Dr. Ibukunolu Olodude
3.45 PM – 4.15 PM	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>		
4.15 PM – 5.30 PM	<b>Panel V:</b> Mentoring for Impact: Strategies for Lasting Connections	Prof. Afe Adogame Prof. Bayo Amole Dr. Samantha Lakin Prof. Morenike Ukpong	<b>Host</b> Dr. Morufu Omigbule
<div>DAY 5</div>			
Friday 25th July, 2025 9.00 AM - 10.00 AM	<b>Panel VI: AFOx and Fellowship Panel</b>	Dr. Tolulope Osayomi Prof. Tunde Decker Dr. Olusegun Titus Dr. Omigbule Dr. Victor Adim Dr. Nkatha Kabira	<b>Host</b> Prof. Damilola Agbalajobi
10.00 AM - 11.00 AM	<b>Workshop XI: Skills and Practice Secondary Data- Driven Research</b>	Prof. Akanni Akinyemi	Dr. Godwin Kwalbe
11.00 AM - 12.30 PM	<b>Breakout Session I: Collaborative Conversations</b>	All Fellows	Dr. Tayo Owoeye
12.30 PM – 1.30 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>		
1.30 PM – 3.00 PM	<b>Conversational Panel IV</b> Finding Your Flow: Practical Paths to Work- Life Balance	Prof. Doris Sommer Prof. Akanni Akinyemi Prof. Oyeniyi Okunoye Dr. Enoch Gbadegesin Dr. Olubunmi Ashaolu	<b>Host</b> Bolaji Jegede
3.00 PM – 3.30 PM	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>		



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3.30 PM – 5.00 PM	<b>Panel VII: Career Development and Self-Assessment</b> From Insight to Action: Self-Assessment and Career Development	Prof. Abiodun Alao Prof. M.O. Babalola Dr. Nkatha Kabira Prof. Marta Figlerowicz Prof. Doris Sommer Prof. Douglas Buttrey Prof. David Ogungbile Prof. Bayo Amole	<b>Host</b> Dr. Catherine Olajumoke Oyetunji-Alemede
DAY 6 Saturday 26th July, 2025 EXCURSION: Visit to sites in Ile-Ife (IIAS Osu Site, Ooni’s Palace, Ife Grand Resort)			
DAY 7 Sunday 27th July, 2025		REST DAY	
<div>DAY 8</div>			
Monday 28th July, 2025 9.00 AM – 9.30 AM	<b>Breakout Session II: Reflections on Week One</b>	All Participants	<b>Host</b> Prof. Jacob Olupona Dr. Tayo Owoeye
9.30 AM – 10.30 AM	<b>Plenary Session III: Channelling Talent into Research</b>	Dr. Tayo Owoeye	<b>Host</b> Dr. Wumi Asubiaro
10.30 AM – 11:15 AM	CONVERSATION WITH A SPECIAL GUEST		
11.15 AM – 12.15 AM	<b>Workshop XII: Skills and Practice</b> The Power of Critical Thinking	Prof. Marta Figlerowicz	<b>Host</b> Dr. Mirian Ngozi Alike
12.15 AM – 1.15 PM	<b>Workshop XIII: Syllabus and Curriculum Development</b> Designing Effective and Engaging Learning Experiences	Prof. Cheryl Sterling	<b>Host</b> Dr. Ruth Amwe
1.15 PM – 1.30 PM	BREAK		
1.30 AM - 2.45 PM	<b>Plenary Session IV</b> Innovative 'bridge contracts'	Prof. Jonathan Greenacre	<b>Host</b> Dr. Nkatha Kabira



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2.45 AM - 3.45 PM	<b>Workshop XIV: Media and Technology in the Classroom:</b> Academic Writing, Research Writing, Citations, and Sources.	Dr. Kola Aliyu	<b>Host:</b> Dr. Khadijat Adedeji-Olona
3.45 PM – 4.45 PM	<b>Plenary Session V:</b> Making Interdisciplinarity Work Outside Academia	Prof. Douglas Buttrey	<b>Host</b> Prof. Tope Olomola
4.45pm - 5.45pm	<b>Workshop XV: Skills and Practice</b> Transforming Research Findings into Scholarly Publications	Prof. Cyril Obi	<b>Host</b> Dr. Catherine Oyetunji-Alemede
<div>DAY 9</div>			
<b>Tuesday 29th July 2025</b> 9.00 AM – 10.15 AM	<b>Workshop XVI: Skills and Practice</b> Beyond Academia: Practical Steps for Narrating History	Prof. Olutayo Adesina	<b>Host</b> Dr. Olatunde Ogunbiyi
10.15 AM - 11.30 AM	<b>Lecture I: Entrepreneurship</b> Entrepreneurship Meets Scholarship	Dr. Abiodun Adegbile	<b>Host</b> Dr. Ayotunde Ibidunni
11.30 AM - 12.30 PM	<b>Workshop XVII: Skills and Practice</b> Dissertation Supervision Strategies for Early-Career Faculty	Prof. Victor Counted	<b>Host</b> Bukunmi Ajani
12.30 PM - 1.15 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>		
1.15 PM - 2.30 PM	<b>Panel Discussion I: On Academic Excellence and Integrity</b> Strategies for Upholding Integrity	Prof. Omotayo Aregbesola Prof. Douglas Buttrey Prof. Tope Olomola Prof. Marta Figlerowicz Prof. Bayo Amole	Ayopo Anuoluwa Sotade

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2.30 PM - 3.45 PM	Panel Discussion II: Digital Networking in Academia	Prof. Cheryl Sterling Prof. Oyeronke Olademo	Host Dr. Modupe Oziofu Ala
3.45 PM – 4.15 PM	NETWORKING BREAK		
4.15pm - 5.30pm	Panel VIII: Translating African Diaspora Literature for Social Impact	Prof. Cheryl Sterling	Host Prof. Opeyemi Ekundayo
DAY 10			
Wednesday 30th July, 2025 9.00 AM – 10.15 AM	Panel IX: Researching Popular Culture	Prof. Marta Figlerowicz Prof. Gbemisola Adeoti Dr. Ademola Adesola	Host Dimeji Ogunoye
10.15 AM – 11.30 AM	Panel X: Biographies as Tools for Scholarly Transformation	Prof. Olufemi Vaughan Prof. Olutayo Adesina	Host Prof. Tunde Decker
11.30 AM – 12.45 AM	Lecture II: 4th Babatunde Ogunnaike Annual STEM Lecture	Professor Bamidele Adebisi MBE <i>(Professor in Intelligent Infrastructure Systems Head, Smart Infrastructure and Industry Research (SIIR) Group Department of Engineering, Manchester Metropolitan University Manchester, United Kingdom)</i>	Host Tulani Francis Matenga
12.45 PM – 1.45 PM	LUNCH		
1.45 PM – 3.00 PM	Panel XI: Academic Writing Working Together on Book Publishing	Prof. Afe Adogame Prof. Cyril Obi Prof. Tunde Decker	Host Dr. Sheila Otieno



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3.00 PM – 4.15 PM	<b>Panel XII: Path to Academic Leadership</b> Charting the Path through Academic Leadership	Prof. Omotayo Aregbesola Prof. Oyeniyi Okunoye Prof. Jacob Olupona Prof. Marta Figlerowicz Prof. Bayo Amole	<b>Host</b> Dr. Khedidja Chergui
4.15 PM – 4.30 PM	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>		
4.30 PM – 5.30 PM	<b>Panel XIII:</b> Maximizing Grant Opportunities	Dr. Olusegun Titus Prof. Afe Adogame Prof. Olutayo Adesina	<b>Host</b> Prof. Melvin Agunbiade
<div>DAY 11</div>			
<b>Thursday 31st July, 2025</b> 9.00 AM – 10.15 AM	<b>Panel XIV:</b> Understanding the Global Political Landscape for Scholarship	Prof. Abiodun Alao Prof. Tunde Lawuyi Prof. Jacob Olupona Prof. Bayo Amole	<b>Host</b> Tosin Elufowoju (Esq.)
10.15 AM – 11.30 AM	<b>Plenary Session VI:</b> Streamlining the Interdisciplinary and Intellectual Collaborations	Prof. Marta Figlerowicz Prof. Oyeniyi Okunoye Prof. Morenike Ukpong	<b>Host</b> Prof. Cheryl Sterling
11.30 AM – 12.45 PM	<b>Workshop XVIII: Skills and Practice</b> Managing Research Projects	Prof. Cyril Obi	<b>Host</b> Amenaghawon Idawu
12.45 PM – 1.30 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>		
1.30 PM – 2.30 PM	<b>Panel XV:</b> Diction and Semiotics in Researching Trauma- prone Communities	Prof. Taiwo Soneye	<b>Host</b> Dr. Mirian Ngozi Alike
2.30 PM – 3.30 PM	<b>Plenary Session VII:</b> Past Fellows’ Progress	<b>Panelists</b> Dr. Chigozie Samuel Nwaka Ayopo Anuoluwa Sotade Dr. Pamela Nwakanma Olusegun Elemo Amenaghawon Idawu Odunola Saheed Bunmi Enigbokan	<b>Host</b> Dr. Tayo Owoeye Dimeji Ogunoye

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3.30 PM – 4.30 PM	<b>Workshop XIX - Ethnography:</b> Shaping African Epistemology	Prof. Ogunnaike Ayodeji	<b>Host</b> Dr. Sheila Otieno
4.30 PM – 5.30 PM	<b>Workshop XX: Skills and Practice</b> Grant Writing II: Grant Writing for Small Awards	Prof. Margaret Lombe Prof. Afe Adogame Prof. Henrietta Nyamnjoh	Dr. Oyeyemi Babalola
<div>DAY 12</div>			
Friday 1st August, 2025 9.00 AM – 10.30 AM	<b>Panel XVI:</b> Co-editing Book: In the Twilight of Time	Prof. Jacob Olupona Oluwole Akinyosoye	<b>Host</b> Prof. Afe Adogame
10.30 AM – 11.45 AM	<b>Open Forum V: Africa and the World</b> Sustainable Global Futures	Prof. Damilola Agbalajobi Prof. Abiodun Alao Dr. Olubanke Davies Prof. Funso Adesola	<b>Host</b> Dr. Samathan Lakin
11.45 AM – 12.45 PM	<b>Workshop XXI - Working with Texts</b> Mastering Textual Analysis: Pre-Text	Prof. Doris Sommer	<b>Host</b> Sunday Oluwaseun Ukaewan
12.45 PM – 1.15 PM	CONVERSATION WITH THE CONVENER		
1.15 PM – 2.00 PM	LUNCH		
2.00 PM – 3.00 PM	<b>Panel XVII:</b> IIAS Hub Representatives Forum: News from the Hubs Reports	<b>Speakers</b> Dr. Mirian Ngozi Alike – <i>SouthEast/South-South Hub</i> Adewale Onagbesan – <i>S/West Hub</i> Safiya Johnson – <i>North Hub</i> Dr. Khedidja Chergui – <i>Algeria Hub</i> Tulani Francis Matenga <i>Zambia Hub</i> Dr. Mokake Levi - <i>Cameroon Hub</i>	<b>Host</b> Dr. Tayo Owoeye Dr. Oluwatoyin Ikuteyijo



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		Dr. Nasubo Fred – <i>Kenya Hub</i> Miriam Njoroge - <i>Kenya Hub</i> Dimeji Ogunoye – <i>IIAS Hub Support</i>	
3.00 PM - 4.00 PM	Open Forum VI: Reflections	Professors, Faculty Members, Mentors and Fellows	<b>Host Facilitator</b> Professor Jacob Olupona
6.00 pm – 8.00pm	DINNER	Faculty Members, Mentors, Fellows and Invited Guests	<b>Host Facilitators</b> Prof. David Ogungbile Dr. Sheila Otieno Dr. Tayo Owoeye

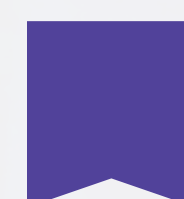
## TIME ZONE CONVERTER FOR VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS OF IFE SUMMER INSTITUTE 2025

Ile-Ife, Nigeria [West African Time] is the base time; Eastern Daylight Time [EDT] is for participants from the US

Nigeria (WAT)	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	03:00 PM
London, United Kingdom	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	03:00 PM
New York, USA	04:00 AM	07:00 AM	10:00 AM
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	11:00 AM	02:00 PM	05:00 PM
Nairobi, Kenya	11:00 AM	02:00 PM	05:00 PM
Johannesburg, South Africa	10:00 AM	01:00 PM	04:00 PM
Tokyo, Japan	05:00 PM	08:00 PM	11:00 PM
Adelaide, Australia	05:30 PM	08:30 PM	11:30 PM
Kingston, Jamaica	03:00 AM	06:00 AM	09:00 AM
Cairo, Egypt	11:00 AM	02:00 PM	05:00 PM
Islamabad, Pakistan	01:00 PM	04:00 PM	07:00 PM
New Delhi, India	01:30 PM	04:30 PM	07:30 PM
Toronto, Canada	04:00 AM	07:00 AM	10:00 AM
Montevideo, Uruguay	05:00 AM	08:00 AM	11:00 AM



# FACILITATORS PROFILE





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**PROF. JACOB  
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### CONVENER, IIAS

Jacob Olupona is Professor of African Religious Traditions, and Professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard University, USA. Olupona is the Convener of the Ife Institute of Advanced Studies. He has authored and edited several books concerned with interpreting Nigerian and African religious traditions, including his book, *City of 201 Gods: Ile-Ife in Time, Space and the Imagination* (2011) which won the Harvard Cabot Fellowship Award. He was the 2019 recipient of the Martin E. Marty award for the Public Understanding of Religion. He was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He can be reached at: [olupona@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:olupona@fas.harvard.edu)

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Neil Roos is a South African Social Historian and Professor of History at the University of Fort Hare, where he is also dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Additionally, he is co-implementer of the South African Department of Higher Education and Training's national collaborative Future Professors Programme. He took his doctoral degree at the University of Bophuthatswana, one of the so-called "homeland" universities on South Africa's rural periphery. His research is animated by a focus on histories of everyday life in societies marked by great inequality. Unlike most social historians of South Africa, he is interested not so much in those who defied segregation and apartheid but rather in the history of beneficiaries and perpetrators. Over many years he has written about the complex anatomy of white everyday life in modern South Africa, asking questions about accommodation, choice and docility, as well as racism, racial identity and racial violence. These are uncomfortable questions about unfashionable subjects, and they feature in his most recent book, *Ordinary Whites in Apartheid Society: social histories of accommodation*. He can be reached at: [nroos@ufh.ac.za](mailto:nroos@ufh.ac.za)



**PROF. NEIL  
ROOS**



**PROF. DAVID O.  
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Olutayo Charles Adesina is a Professor of History in the Department of History, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and the current British Academy Global Professor of History affiliated with the Department of History, School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, University of Manchester, United Kingdom. A distinguished Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Letters (FNAL), the apex organisation of humanistic scholars in Nigeria, Prof Adesina has taught for over three decades at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. An alumnus of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Prof. Adesina's work was selected in 2024 as one of the eight proposals for the 2023/2024 British Academy Global Professorship Award. This was for his research proposal entitled 'The Town and Gown Interface: Ibadan and the Decolonisation of Social Knowledge in the 20th Century.' His most current publication is Adebayo A.G. and Adesina, O.C. (eds), *Critical and Contentious Issues in the Modern and Contemporary History of Nigeria: Collected Writings of Samuel Olusegun Osoba*, Ile-Ife, Nigeria: Obafemi Awolowo University Press, 2024. Prof. Adesina is the current Editor of *Africa Review*; an interdisciplinary academic journal of the African Studies Association of India published by Brill, The Netherlands. He can be reached at: [olutayo27@gmail.com](mailto:olutayo27@gmail.com)



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**PROF. MORENIKE UKPONG**

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Morenike Ukpong is a Professor of Paediatric Dentistry at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. She has published extensively on ethical considerations in the design and implementation of clinical trials during the Ebola emergency in West Africa. She also serves as the Deputy Director of the College of Health Sciences' Partnership and Research Advancement Unit and Coordinates the Research and Innovation Support Unit. She is the current executive director of the Central Office of Research, Obafemi Awolowo University. Recently, her work on adolescent sexual, reproductive health and rights, and gender justice led to changes in policy and programs for adolescents living with HIV in Nigeria. She was recently inducted into the Nigerian Academy of Science. You can reach her at: [toyinukpong@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:toyinukpong@yahoo.co.uk)

### COORDINATOR, BIOLOGICAL / BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES STREAM

Akinsulore Adesanmi is a Consultant Psychiatrist at the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospitals Complex and a Professor at the Department of Mental Health, Obafemi Awolowo University. His primary research focuses on Public Mental Health, Adolescent Mental Health and Schizophrenia. Dr. Adesanmi started as lecturer I in the Department and now he is currently a Professor. He is a volunteer member and facilitator of the foundation for the care and resettlement of the mentally ill (CAREMI) and Centre for Mental Health Research and Initiative (CEMHRI). He can be reached at: [sanmilore@oauife.edu.ng](mailto:sanmilore@oauife.edu.ng)



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**PROF. OLUWATOPE AYODEJI**

### COORDINATOR, TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES STREAM

Oluwatope Ayodeji is a Professor of Computer Science. He is a registered Engineer with COREN, earlier in his career, he was the recipient of the National Award of Excellence by the National University Research and Development Fair for the years 2004 and 2005. His research interests include Computer Networks and the Internet, reconfigurable computing, IoTs, and Knowledge Transfer. He is the lead researcher in the Commet Laboratory in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, OAU. He is a fellow of the Nigeria Young Academy and the Heidelberger Laureate Forum, HLF 2015. Ayodeji has a working relationship with industry giants in the IT sector, such as Chams (Nig) Plc and Schlumberger Limited. He can be reached at: [aoluwato@oauife.edu.ng](mailto:aoluwato@oauife.edu.ng)

### COORDINATOR, PHYSICAL SCIENCES STREAM

Dr Lukman is an Associate Professor with specialization in Physical Chemistry. Dr. Lukman got his B.Sc.(Hons) degree in chemistry with a first class from OAU in 2007. His research interest is in corrosion inhibition Electrochemistry, Theoretical and computational chemistry. He is also a reviewer to many reputable journals. He is a member of the American Chemical Society; he is also the recipient of the Kayode Adebawale National Young Scientist Prize in Chemical Science in 2017. He is the current Vice-Dean Division of Student Affairs, OAU, Ile-Ife. He can be reached at: [lolasunkanmi@oauife.edu.ng](mailto:lolasunkanmi@oauife.edu.ng)



**DR. LUKMAN OLASUNKANMI**



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**DR. OMOTAYO  
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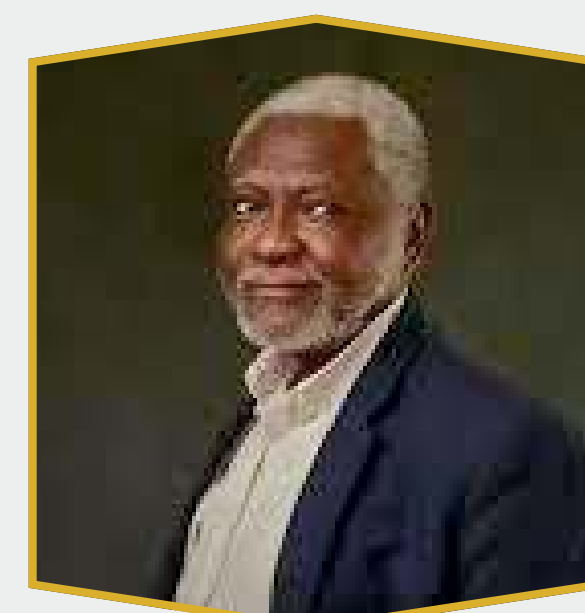
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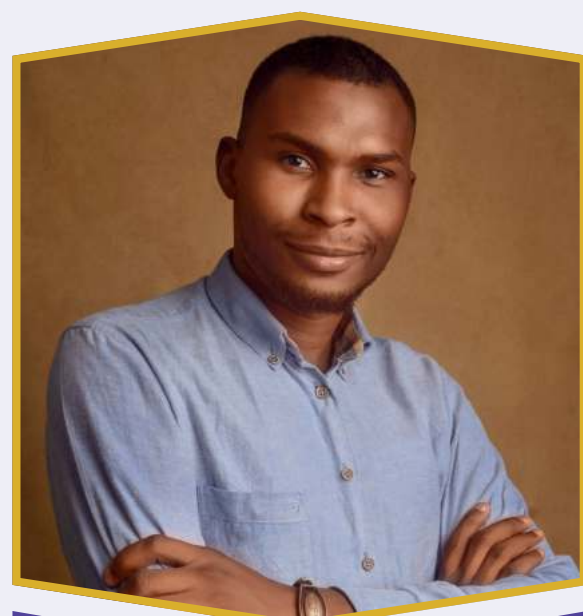


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