

LAGOS CONFERENCE 2025
INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN AND DIASPORA STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS
September 25 – 27, 2025

Opening Ceremony
Venue – Arthur Mbanefo Digital Research Centre

Time	Event	Anchor
9:30am-10:00am	Registration	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome Address	
10:10 – 10:20	Opening Remark	Prof. Ayo Yusuff (Director, IADS)
10:20 – 10:30	Vice Chancellor’s Remark	Prof. Folasade Ogunsola
10:30 – 11:00	Keynote I	Prof. Siyan Oyeweso
11:10 – 11:40	Keynote II	Dr. Ademide Adelusi-Adeluyi
11:40 – 11:55	Photograph Session and Tea Break	

Thursday - September 25, 2025

Parallel Session 1 - Arthur Mbanefo Digital Research Centre

12:00-13:30	<p>LC06A</p> <p>Lagos as a Linguistic Melting Pot: Exploring Multi-lingualism in an Urban Metropolis</p> <p>Convener: Feyi Ademola-Adeoye</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>Sonic Aggression”: Exploring Linguistic Harassment of Passengers by Bus Conductors in Lagos - Kenneth Obiorah</p> <p>Family Language Policy Among Igbo Migrants in Lagos State, Nigeria - Flora Achumie,</p> <p>Open City, Open Mic: Inward Migration and its Implications for Radio Broadcast Language Distribution in Lagos - Adedoyinsola Eleshin</p> <p>Metaphorizing Lagos: Revisiting Urban Imaginaries in Indigenous Poems – Nkechi Aguobi</p>	<p>LC03</p> <p>Exploring the Dynamics of Land Policy and Politics in Lagos</p> <p>Convener: Maryam Quadri</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>Land Governance in Lagos state: Political Dynamics and Their Impact on Urban Development and Climate Resilience - Abiodun Adejumo</p> <p>Land, Power, and Urbanization: The Evolution of Land Ownership and Political Indigeneity in Lagos - Opeyemi Balogun and Roland Akpe</p> <p>Land Contestation, Money Ritual and Ritual Money. A Lagos Heritage? - Kayode Eesuola, Ahmed Olanrewaju, Isaiah Olayode, Abiodun Adejumo</p>	<p>LC09A</p> <p>Socio-Cultural heritage of Lagos State in Transition: Cuisines, Festivals, Dress-Patterns and Socio-Religious Activities in Perspectives</p> <p>Convener: Habeeb Sanni</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>Enu Owa’s Sacred Confluence: Religious Tolerance in Isale Eko - Bola Oguntade,</p> <p>Weaving Tradition and Transition: Socio-Cultural Heritage In 21st-Century Lagos - Temiloluwa Oluwabiya</p> <p>Cultural heritage and its empowerment - Oluwakemi Amupitan</p> <p>Aspects of some indigenous foods and delicacies in Lagos State - Habeeb Sanni,</p>	<p>LC01A</p> <p>Lagos Between Roots and Realities: Autochthony, Identity, Politics and Power Dynamics in Nigeria’s 2023 Election</p> <p>Convener: Ibukun Akinola</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>The Socio-Cultural Dynamics of Politics, Ethnicity and Commerce: The Complexities in the Ownership of Lagos -John Uwa</p> <p>The Concept of 'Omo Eko' and 'Ara Eko' in Lagos During Nigeria’s 2023 Election - Tolulope Elizabeth Olude & Adewale Enitan.</p> <p>Who Owns Lagos? Autochthony, Power, and the 2023 Electoral Reckoning- Blessing Kintuna</p>
13:30–14:30	Lunch			
14:30-16:00	<p>LC06B</p> <p>Lagos as a Linguistic Melting Pot: Exploring Multi-lingualism in an Urban Metropolis</p>	<p>2 LC07A</p> <p>Living in Lagos: Navigating its ever-changing transportation and mobility system</p>	<p>LC09B</p> <p>Socio-Cultural heritage of Lagos State in Transition: Cuisines,</p>	<p>LC08A</p> <p>Our Lagos, Their Lagos: Narratives of Identity, Power, and Continuity in a City of Contrast.</p>

	<p>Convener: Feyi Ademola-Adeoye</p> <p>Presentations Language and Pragmatic Engagements in Damilare Kuku's Nearly All the Men in Lagos Are Mad – Olusegun Jegede (Virtual)</p> <p>Language Use in an Era of Ni Hao— Informal Translators and Linguistic Adaptation in Everyday Sino-Nigerian Interactions – Maryam Owodunni (Virtual)</p> <p>Push 'n' Pressure: A Linguistic, Narrative, and Discursive Exploration of Lagos Traffic – Joy Omoru (Virtual)</p> <p>Revisiting Distinctions Between Ìsàlẹ̀ Èkó Yorùbá Code and Standard Yorùbá - Babatunde Popoola</p>	<p>Convener: Oluranti Ojo, Israel Saibu, Abiola Olawale</p> <p>Presentations, Photography Danfo: Visual Aesthetics of Lagos’ Urban Mobility - Akintunde Akinleye</p> <p>Smart Mobility and Digital Transformation: The Role of Technology in Enhancing Lagos Transportation System - Ayemhoba Aleakhue</p> <p>Transportation Technology: Reimagining the Mobility Landscape in an Urbanised Lagos City - Israel Saibu and Abiola Olawale</p> <p>Living in Lagos: Navigating its Ever-Changing Transportation and Mobility System - Olufemi Omotoso</p>	<p>Festivals, Dress-Patterns and Socio-Religious Activities in Perspectives</p> <p>Convener: Habeeb Sanni</p> <p>Presentations Re-Thinking the Dynamics of Traditional Institutions in the Sustainability of Traditional Practices in Ikorodu - Kolawole Omotayo</p> <p>Oro Festival: An Evolution from an Indigenous Spiritual Practice to a Political Tool in Nigeria’s 2023 Election - Adedolapo Adewuni</p> <p>Eko For Show”: A Study of Contemporary Artistic Trends in Lagos - Wale Kofoworola</p>	<p>Convener: Richard Emmanuel Ezeani</p> <p>Presentations Urban Imagery and the Duality of Lagos in Toni Kan's The Carnivorous City and Leye Adenle's <i>When Trouble Sleeps</i> - Omoh Giwa</p> <p>Post-"Gangs of Lagos": Discourse and Indigeneity Questions in Lagos - Adeleke, Ogunfeyimi</p> <p>State of Origin and Sense of Belonging: A Case for the Ará Èkó - Faithful Oluokun</p> <p>Power and Identity in Lagos: The Struggle for Cultural Dominance and the Definition of a Yoruba Lagosian in a Multicultural City - Adedolapo Adewuni</p>
16:00-17:30	<p>LC08B</p> <p>Our Lagos, Their Lagos: Narratives of Identity, Power, And Continuity in a City of Contrast</p> <p>Convener: Richard Ezeani</p> <p>Presentations Our Lagos, their Lagos: Narratives of identity, Power, and continuity in a City of Contrast - Onyebuchi Emeakayi</p> <p>Identities And Existence: The Multicultural Dynamism of Lagos - Deborah Ajibola (Virtual)</p> <p>Igo Loju Omo Odaran: Our Lagos, Contemporary Connections and Social Identity amongst the Youths - Isoken Onoyona-Ekeocha</p>	<p>LC07B</p> <p>Living in Lagos: Navigating its Ever-Changing transportation and Mobility System</p> <p>Convener: Oluranti Ojo, Israel Saibu, Abiola Olawale</p> <p>Presentations Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development in Lagos, Nigeria - Olanjumo Amoo</p> <p>Connecting Lagos Against All Odds - Hope Afoke Orivri</p> <p>Evaluating the Effectiveness of Multimodal Transport System in Lagos State - Akinpelu Adeleke</p>	<p>LC10A</p> <p>Street Hustlers, Homeless People and Agbero in Lagos: The Making and/or Un-Making of a Metropolitan City.</p> <p>Convener: Moses Yakubu</p> <p>Presentations The Autochthony of Egbon Adugbo and Security in Shomolu, Lagos - Ayomide Madojutimi; Ebenezer Ishola; Hamed Olanrewaju (Virtual)</p> <p>"Lagos’ Unseen Architects: Hustlers, Outcasts, and the City That Won’t Claim Them - Blessing Kintuna</p>	

	Lagos as a Vector of Madness in Kuku's Nearly All the Men in Lagos are Mad and Ugonna's Who Drove Nearly All Lagos Men Mad? - Ekikereobong Usoro (Virtual)		Street hustlers, Homeless people, and 'Agbero' in Lagos: The making and/or unmaking of a Metropolitan City - Sulaimon Adisa
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DAY 2: September 26
Venue – J.P. Clark Building

09:30-11:00	<p style="text-align: center;">LC10B</p> <p>Street Hustlers, Homeless People and Agbero in Lagos: The Making and/or Un-Making of a Metropolitan City.</p> <p>Convener: Moses Yakubu</p> <p>Presentations Rethinking 'Order' in Lagos: Cooperation and Tensions in Bariga Streets - Catherine Nkulume</p> <p>Street Hustlers, Homeless People, and 'Agbero' in Lagos: The Making and/or Unmaking of a Metropolitan City - Oluwatomisin Clement</p> <p>The Agberos on the Ground for Indigenes: Lagos 2023 Elections in Retrospect and Prospects - Abayomi Sharomi,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LC01B</p> <p>Lagos Between Roots and Realities: Autochthony, Identity, Politics and Power Dynamics in Nigeria's 2023</p> <p>Convener: Ibukun Akinola</p> <p>Presentations Resisting the Aggression of Late Arrivals: Indigeneity and Electoral Contestations in the 2023 Lagos Governorship Elections- Samuel Afolabi,</p> <p>The Chinese in Lagos: The Power of Trade, Investment, and Cultural Influence- Adetoro Banwo</p> <p>Beyond Ethnic Crises: Rethinking Ownership of Lagos through Political Representations- Isaiah Olayode</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LC04</p> <p>Contemporary Connections, Indigeneity and Identit(ies) for Stakeholders' Call to Action on Preserving in Preserving Indigenous Heritage Assests in Lagos</p> <p>Convener: Mogbolahan Ajala</p> <p>Presentations Gender Dynamism in Àyínlá Òmówùrà and Halimot Òmówùrà's Àpàlà Music - Owolabi Akegbeyale</p> <p>Mapping Lagos through Literature: Cultural Identity, Heritage Contestation, and Digital Preservation - John Chukwudi,</p> <p>Keep Walking Nigeria: Space Colonization and Space Transformation in the Lagos Independence Tunnel – Shina Alimi, Stephen Adewale</p>
11:00-11:15	Tea Break		
11:15 – 12:45	<p style="text-align: center;">LC05</p> <p>Lagos and its Diaspora</p> <p>Convener: Olasupo Shasore</p> <p>Presentations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LC11</p> <p>Urbanisation and The Practice of Traditional Medicine in Lagos State</p> <p>Convener: Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko, Ibukunoluwa Akinola</p> <p>Presentations</p>	

	<p>The left behind: interrogating social media mediation in extalgia relations in Lagos, Nigeria - Deborah Jayeoba,</p> <p>Levinas, Lagos and the Ethics of Becoming - Abiodun Afolabi</p> <p>People of Caribbean Heritage and Their Contribution to the Landscape of Lagos— Historical Legacies and Impact (19th, 20th, and 21st Centuries) - Feyi Raimi-Abraham</p> <p>Migrations And Integrations in Lagos: Migrants Intelligence Gathering in Lagos Under Governor Babatunde Fashola - Titilayo Alade</p>	<p>Healing the Megacity: Can Lagos Preserve Traditional Medicine Amid Urban Chaos? - Opeyemi Opeagbe,</p> <p>Urbanisation and the Practice of Traditional Medicine in Lagos State - Kehinde Alabi</p> <p>Urbanization and Cultural Heritage: Navigating the Challenges to Survival of Traditional Medicine in Lagos State - Amenaghawon Idawu</p> <p>Cultural Narratives and Women’s Health Choices in Lagos – Loveth Ogbonna</p>
	Lunch	
14:30-15:00	Book Launch – <i>Who is Lagos? What is Lagos?</i>	
15:00-16:00	Closing Plenary	<p>Prof. David Aworawo Mr. Olasupo Shasore Mrs. Toyin Ogunlana Prof. Taibat Lawanson</p> <p>Convener: Dr. Abisoye Eleshin</p>
	Closing Remark	

DAY 3 – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27
LAGOS FILM AND DOCUMENTARY COLLOQUIUM

Time	Event	
9:30am- 10:00am	Opening Remarks	
10:00 – 11:11	Film Screening & Panel Discussion 1	Documentary - <i>Where Will Normal People Sleep Tonight</i> - Deji Akinpelu
11:00 – 11:30	Tea Break	
11:30 – 12:45	Film Screening & Panel Discussion 2 -	<i>Gidi Blues</i> (Fiction) – Femi Odugbemi
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	Film Screening & Panel Discussion 3	Journey of an African Colony, The Making of Nigeria (Documentary) – Supo Shasore

16:00 – 16:30	Closing Remarks	
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