THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

THEME

NIGERIA AND THE CHALLENGE OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM

For decades now, post-civil war Nigeria has witnessed numerous acts and increasing scale of terrorism in different parts of the country, perpetrated by Nigerians, for numerous reasons. The Islamic uprising of Maitatsine and his followers in the late 1970s and early 1980s led to several thousands of deaths and lingered for several years after the death of their leaders. The militia insurgents in the Niger Delta attacked oil production infrastructure and operations, security operatives, and oil company personnel working in the region. Political and organised crime kidnappings across the country, and the ‘Jama’atu Ahlus Sunnah Lid Da’waiti wal Jihad (meaning people committed to the Teachings of the Prophet and Jihad) popularly known as “Boko Haram” (Western Education is forbidden) insurgency in the northern part of the country have become matters of national and international great concern and discourse.

The great concerns, spirited and critical debate relating to the growing threat of “Boko Haram” to Nigeria’s corporate existence; local, national, regional and international security; the; politicisation of terrorism; religious and ethnic dimensions of terrorism; implications of terrorism to national development, and the quality and capacity of the Nigerian state response to terrorism in the country. The discourse also relates to rethinking of counterinsurgency and counterterrorism in Nigeria. This conference joins the debate on these and related issues. We invite you to be part of it by making submission on any of the following sub-themes.

SUB-THEMES

1. Perspectives of Terrorism: Theoretical Issues
   (a) Mapping Terrorism Discourse/Studies
   (b) The Motives of Terrorism: Country Case Analysis
   (c) Domestic and International Terrorism

2. The Roots of Terrorism in Nigeria
   (a) Religious Fundamentalism
   (b) Ethnic Chauvinism, Ethnic Identity and Ethnic Politics
   (c) Governance Failure
   (d) Poverty, Inequality and Education
   (e) Rebel Movements, Militias, Arms Proliferation, and Radicalization of Youths in Africa

3. The State and Political Violence in Nigeria
   (a) Boko Haram and Insurgency in the North-East
   (b) Oil and Insurgency in the Niger Delta
   (c) Ethnic Nationalism, the South-East and the risk of Terrorism
   (d) Ethnic Nationalism, the South-West and the risk of Terrorism
   (e) Kidnapping and Human Security
   (f) Arms Proliferation and the Risk to Nigeria’s Stability
   (g) Fulani Herdsmen – Farmers Clashes in the North-Central and the risk of Political Violence
   (h) Identity Politics and Terrorism in the Middle Belt

4. Gender and Terrorism in Nigeria
   (a) Women: Victims and Actors of Terrorism
   (b) Children and Terrorism
   (c) Comparative Involvement, Incentives and Disincentives of Men and Women in Terrorism
   (d) Women and Counterinsurgency / Counterterrorism

5. Sub-regional, Regional, International and Transnational Dimensions of Terrorism in Nigeria
   1. International and Transnational Terrorists Involvement in Nigeria
   2. International Actors Involvement in Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism in Nigeria
   3. International Co-operation and Counterterrorism in Nigeria
   4. Comparative Analyses / Studies of Terrorism in Nigeria and other Countries

6. Policy Issues
   (a) Analysis of Nigeria’s Anti-Terrorism Law
   (b) Rethinking Counterterrorism and counterinsurgency in Nigeria

CALL FOR PAPERS

Interested participants are requested to send abstract of about 200 – 250 words on issues relating to any of the sub-themes to ndupolscience.conference2016@gmail.com

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1. Submission of Abstracts: On or before June 30, 2015
4. Conference Date: March 29 -30th 2016 (Arrival March 29th and Departure March 30th)

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