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METHODOLOGY

When prospective participants signify their interest in the conference either through submission of abstracts or registration, they get added to the official Conference Group on Whatsapp/ Telegram. Through this process, they will be carried along with the details of preparations and arrangements for the conference. The Opening and Plenary Sessions will hold on Webinar Zoom and streamed live on Facebook while syndicate sessions will hold among sub-groups on Whatsapp and Zoom, where presentations will take place.

The ID and password of the opening session will be shared in due course.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of Abstracts: October 16, 2020
Notification of Acceptance: October 30, 2020
Submission of Full Papers: November 30, 2020
Formal Opening Ceremony: December 15, 2020
Closing: December 18, 2020

REGISTRATION FEES

Paper Presenters: N5,000.00 (including Book of Abstracts, Programme, Certificate of Presentation, etc.)
Other Participants/Students: N2,000.00 (including Book of Abstracts, Programme and Certificate of Participation)
The papers presented will be subjected to blind peer-review process and those found publishable will appear in the next edition of the Center's special book publication.

Payment for registration should be made to:
Bank: **Zenith Bank**
Account Name: **Unilorin Microfinance/Centre for Ilorin Studies**
Account Number: **1012950712**

Evidence of payment will be provided to the Conference Secretary through whatsapp.

For further details, see the conference website on the University of Ilorin website at www.unilorin.edu.ng/cilsconference2020.

Co-Host

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National Conference

With the theme:

**"ILORIN EMIRATE AND
NIGERIAN DEMOCRACY: YESTERDAY,
TODAY AND TOMORROW"**

Date: December 1st – 3rd, 2020

Venue: Select Digital Platforms
(Webinar Zoom, Whatsapp/Telegram)

Time: 10:00pm daily

CALL FOR PAPER

BACKGROUND

Since the historic lowering of the Union Jack and the hoisting of the Nigerian flag on October 1, 1960, signaling the birth of Nigeria as an independent state called, the giant of Africa has experimented with two democratic traditions with their various concussions. While the Westminster System was adopted at independence until it was aborted by the military putsch of 1966, the American presidential system had been in vogue since 1979 till date. Although there was another military interregnum between 1984 and 1999. Since 1999 when the Fourth Republic began in Nigeria, there has been an uninterrupted democratic rule that has continued to shape the history and political culture of the country.

Given the socio-political, ethno-religious and general cross-currents and contradictions that have characterized the Nigerian democratic experiment, the need for a critical appraisal of the political system remains evergreen. As the present lies between the past and the future in a perpetually moving moment, the process of unfolding future is predicated on deconstructing the known past to re-construct the unfolding present in order co-construct the unknown future. After all, as T. S. Eliot observed, *"Time present and time past/Are both perhaps present in time future/And time future contained in time past."*

As a critical sub-set of Nigeria's political topography, and a frontline socio-political structure with its own fair share of historical and contemporary dynamics, Ilorin Emirate has been contributing to the various milestones and crucial moments at every stage of Nigeria's political

evolution, especially in the last 60 years. The crucial points in the Nigerian political evolution and dynamics are worthy of scholarly interrogation and academic reflection at this juncture of Nigeria's history. In other words, Ilorin Emirate has contributed significantly to the development of democracy in Nigeria through active involvement of her sons, daughters and residents in shaping and reshaping the Nigerian polity. Such contributions need rigorous intellectual interrogation and engagement especially at this time.

The outcome of the intellectual engagement will no doubt have far-reaching implications for the development of the Nigerian democracy and the understanding of the role of the Ilorin Emirate in that developmental process. The gains and insights from such critical reflections would deepen Nigeria's political development. It will also create awareness of the theory and practice of democracy and position Ilorin Emirate for self-assessment. Consequently, this will either demand a consolidation on its gains or throw up the need to chart a new course for relevance.

It is against this backdrop that the Centre for Ilorin Studies, (CILS), University of Ilorin, invites papers that offer deep insights and ideas to its 1st Virtual and 5th National Conference, themed **Ilorin Emirate and Nigerian Democracy: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow** scheduled to hold between December 1 and 3, 2020 on webinar zoom on select digital platforms. The conference will be relevant to scholars, researchers, government agencies, corporate organizations, political actors and other stakeholders in the Nigerian project. Each submission is expected to be relevant to any of the following:

SUB-THEMES

- ❖ History, Politics and Democracy in Ilorin Emirate, Nigeria
- ❖ Trends in Politics and Challenges
- ❖ Party Politics, Security and Socio-economic Development in Ilorin Emirate
- ❖ The Role of Religion and Spirituality in Nigerian Politics
- ❖ Political Economy of Ilorin Emirate and Nigeria
- ❖ The Role of Traditional Rulers in Nigerian Politics
- ❖ Culture, Language and Media in Nigerian Politics
- ❖ Educational Institutions in Nigerian Democracy
- ❖ Arabic Literature and Politics in Ilorin Emirate
- ❖ Islam and Political Structure of Ilorin Emirate
- ❖ The Mosque and the Church in Nigerian Politics
- ❖ The Law, Politics and Political Litigations in Nigeria
- ❖ Law, Businesses and Politics in Ilorin Emirate
- ❖ Artists, Artisans and Democracy in Ilorin Emirate
- ❖ Theatre Arts and Nigeria Democracy
- ❖ The NGOs and Democratic Consolidation
- ❖ The Transport Unions and Ilorin Politics
- ❖ Women and Democracy in Kwara State, Nigeria
- ❖ The Phenomena of God-Fatherism in Kwara Politics
- ❖ The Executive and the Legislative Relations in Nigerian Democracy
- ❖ The Civil Service and Democratic Culture in Nigeria
- ❖ Alignment, Realignment, Defection and Cross-Carpeting in Nigerian Politics
- ❖ Ilorin Emirate Youth and Nigerian Politics

Each prospective participant is to submit an abstract of not more than 250 words on or before October 16, 2020.

A 15-20 page full paper in MS word format (Font Type: Times News Roman; Font Size: 12) should be forwarded not later than November 30, 2020 to cilsconferences@unilorin.edu.ng and copied to aoba@unilorin.edu.ng, azecogoluwa@gmail.com, madedimciji@unilorin.edu.ng, adupelola@yahoo.com. The American Psychological Association (APA) citation format should be adopted.