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## EDUCATION

***MSc. International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies*** *Sept 2020 – Sept 2021*

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK

- **Modules included:** Understanding key issues in development studies; information, communication, technologies and socio-economic development; advocacy, campaigning and grassroots activism; research design for international development
- **Dissertation working title:** Exploring protest dynamics in the age of digitally-mediated mobility: A Case of Nigeria's #ENDSARS protest

***B.Sc. (Hon.) Political Science (First Class Division)***

*June 2014 – Apr 2018*

**Top 1% of 2016/2017 Class**

Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) Ile-Ife, Nigeria

- **Courses included:** Introduction to African politics; political violence, revolution and society; methodology of comparative research; foreign policy
- **Dissertation title:** Nigeria's role in the United Nations Security Council (2009-2015)

## WORK EXPERIENCE (RESEARCH)

**Research Assistant and Supervisor**

US President's Malaria Initiative for States (PMI-S), Oyo State

*(Mapping of Private health and non-health facilities)*

*Jun 2020 – Sept 2020*

- Supervised 20 research assistants in the data collection exercise, within Ibadan metropolis.
- Compiled data for cleaning to ensure 90% suitability for analysis.
- Provided support to Project Advisors, achieving a 60% time-reduction in the preparation of documents and execution of tasks.

**Research Assistant**

Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) –

Research Project – *Gendered Contentions in Fragile, Conflict and Violence Affected Settings: Nigeria, Mozambique and Pakistan*

*Jun 2019 – Dec 2019*

- Executed comparative case studies, on the background of a review of 43 literature.
- Assessed research objectives and findings focusing on 2 of the 3 regions, through comparative mixed methods.
- Created content by preparing a 21-pager report following the stake-holder engagement forum – capturing and analysing at least 95% of the discourse.
- Produced verbatim transcriptions to assigned audios, with 20% of the delivery time saved.

## WORK EXPERIENCE (UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT)

**Student Education Panel Member**

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK

*Oct 2020 – present*

<https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/part-of-lse/student-education-panel/meet-the-student-education-panel>

- With other panel member we discuss topics covering: assessment; community and belonging; in-person, online and blended learning; inclusive education; student wellbeing and support; and student voice, representation, and partnership.
- Conduct research on the above topics, analyse results and design strategies based on results.

## Research and Administrative Assistant

Redeemer's University, Ede

Aug 2018 – Jun 2019

### Department of Political Science and Public Administration

- Facilitated tutorial classes of about 15 students per time, with 60% academic improvement following, after first semester of engagement.
- Created content by preparing drafts, conducting academic review of literature and manuscripts.
- Collaborated with colleagues to design research proposals, conduct research, and provide research trainings for 70% of the second-year students, 2018/2019 academic session.
- Initiated and supervised planning of the university's maiden Political Symposium; attended by about 500 students from 7 universities.

## VOLUNTEERING/EXPERIENCE (COMMUNITY SERVICE)

### Director and Co-Founder

Dec 2019 – Till Date

Naija Politoons (A public opinion and advocacy channel, pursuing democratic consolidation and governance reflective of public interest, through cartooned contents)

<https://www.instagram.com/npolitootns/>

<https://naijapolitootns.com/>

- Coordinate a team of 8, and define monthly targets and cartoon themes.
- Review designs, publications and monitor broadcasts across 4 social media platforms.
- Manage internal research and facts-gathering, to ensure validity of reported media trends and stories.

### Africa Projects and Events Coordinator

Feb 2020 – Date

International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS) <https://www.iapss.org/>

- Liaise with a team of 7 to develop and implement IAPSS Africa's Regional Chapter Outreach strategy in line with the vision of the global IAPSS.
- Manage and coordinate all projects, from drafting of the project proposals to implementation.
- Mobilize young students and professionals for the implementation of the region's projects, and for continent-wide advocacy.
- **Recently completed project**  
IAPSS-UN75 Dialogue on Youth, Peace and Development 12/09/2020  
**With over 200 participants across Africa**

### President, Ede South Local Government Area, Nigeria

INEC Vanguard CDS Group

Aug 2018 – Jul 2019

Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC, NIGERIA)

- Led periodical visits to schools and public places, sensitizing on citizens' rights, particularly on voting and other electioneering processes.
- Prepared sensitization materials, distributed across 80% of the markets and bus terminals in Ede local government area of Osun State, Nigeria.
- Trained 77 team members on public speaking and electoral practices in 1 year.
- Led colleagues in conducting voter- education and election administration in 8 of the 10 wards at Ede-South local government area.

## PUBLICATIONS

Akinnawo, E. O., Bello, I. B., Akpunne, B. C., & Ajibola, B. S. (2020). Self-Medication in Pregnancy and Associated Psychopathological Symptoms of Antenatal Nigerian Women. *Psychology*, 11, 2039-2054. <https://doi.org/10.4236/psych.2020.1112127>.

Ajibola, B. S. (2019). Extant Realities on Nigeria's Quest for a Permanent Seat in the United Nations Security Council. *Contemporary Journal of Politics and Administration*, 1(1).

## **PUBLISHED ACADEMIC BLOGPOSTS**

Ajibola, B. S. (2021). Techmanitarianism, in the name of development: Adding to Taylor and Broeders' datafication discourse. LSE International Development Blog  
<https://wp.me/p3MVMW-20Z>.

## **CONFERENCES**

### **Presented**

BecauseTheInternet Conference, Political Studies Association (PSA), UK – "Satirical contents, public opinion, and decision making during Covid-19: Critical insights on Nigeria" **Jun 2020**

### **Accepted for presentation**

Development Studies Association Annual Conference (28 June – 2 July 2021), UK – "Digital technologies, for or against local NGOs? Exploring shifting norms in mobilizing assistance during COVID-19 in Nigeria"

### **Paper submitted for presentation**

International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP) 9.4 Virtual Conference (26-28 May 2021) – "For development's sake: When social media-brokered political power and 'digital bullets' encounter political 'flak jackets'"

## **AWARDS**

- Firoz and Najma Lalji Foundation Masters Scholarship **Jul 2020**
- IFRA (French Institute for Research in Africa) funding for Data Collection on COVID-19 in Nigeria  
Grantees & researchers: Ajibola Boluwatife, Odeyemi Temitayo, & Abati Omomayowa  
Title: #WHEREISBUHARI or #RESIGNBUHARI: Everyday twitter talk and government-citizen relations in Nigeria's management of COVID-19 **Jun 2020**
- Award for Significant International Contribution, BecauseTheInternet Conference, Political Studies Association (PSA), UK  
[https://twitter.com/psa\\_ecn/status/1289198174792491008?s=19](https://twitter.com/psa_ecn/status/1289198174792491008?s=19) **Jul 2020**
- J. Olanipekun Akintunde Prize for the Best Graduating Student in the final degree examinations, 2016/2017 Session **Dec 2018**
- Professor Leo Dare Prize for the graduating student with the best overall performance, 2016/2017 Session  
<https://pol.oauife.edu.ng/13-phds-2-first-class-feature-in-department-of-political-sciences-harvest-of-graduands-at-oau-2018-convocation-ceremonies/> **Dec 2018**
- Award of Commendation by the Management of Redeemer's University for initiating the University's Maiden Political Symposium **April 2019**

## **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

International Association for Political Science Students  
Development Studies Association

## **REFERENCES**

Available on request