Rethinking Security in Nigeria
The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) is an independent organisation whose principal objectives are facilitating research, promoting research-based publishing and creating multiple forums geared towards the exchange of views and information among African researchers. It challenges the fragmentation of research through the creation of thematic research networks that cut across linguistic and regional boundaries.


CODESRIA would like to express its gratitude to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA/SAREC), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Carnegie Corporation, NORAD, the Danish Agency for International Development (DANIDA), the French Ministry of Cooperation, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rockefeller Foundation, FINIDA, CIDA, IIEP/ADEA, OECD, OXFAM America, UNICEF and the Government of Senegal for supporting its research, training and publication programmes.
# Contents

Acknowledgements................................................................................................................vii

Contributors........................................................................................................................ix

1. Introduction: A Preface to the Understanding of the Aesthetic and Ethical Imperatives for Viable National Security in the Post-colonial African State
Dapo Adelugba .................................................................................................................1

2. The Bounds of Security Theorising: Envisioning Discursive Inputs for the Rectification of a Post-colonial Situation
Philip Ogo Ujomu ...........................................................................................................5

3. An Aesthetic Theorising of the Challenge of National Security in the Post-colonial Context
Philip Ogo Ujomu and Dapo Adelugba ....................................................................... 55

Dapo Adelugba, Philip Ogo Ujomu and Felix Amanor-Boadu ...............................75

5. Cultural Dimensions of the National Security Problem
Olusegun Oladiran and Irene Omolola Adadevoh .........................................................95

6. The Gender Dimensions of the National Security and Human Security Problematic: Core Theoretical, Conceptual and Historical Issues
Irene Omolola Adadevoh ............................................................................................. 119

7. Rethinking Ethical Security in the Light of European Institutional Security and Integration Strategies: The Quest for Methodological Convergence
Aduke G. Adebayo, Philip Ogo Ujomu, Dapo Adelugba and Irene Omolola Adadevoh ........................................................................................................147
Acknowledgements

Since the NWG investigations on security commenced in 2003, we have become increasingly and extensively indebted to different people and institutions. We shall mention a few of them. The NWG researchers are most grateful to the coordinators at CODESRIA, Dakar, Senegal, for providing the National Working Group research grant used to pursue this investigation. We thank them for their trust and encouragement. Some of the NWG researchers have had the privilege and opportunity to visit CODESRIA on different occasions for capacity building and to participate in the success story of African research. We commend the good work CODESRIA is doing all over Africa, and in the world at large.

We are also grateful to the various individuals and organisations that participated in testing some of the ideas, methodologies and arguments employed during the different stages of the research. We are most grateful for their diverse and valuable contributions to the research. Specifically, we thank the following members of staff of the University of Ibadan for their participation and contributions to the NWG seminars and investigations: Professor Egbokhare of the Linguistics Department; Dr Oshitelu, Dr Ayantuoye, Dr Akintunde, Dr Aiyeboyin, and Dr Labeodan all of Religious Studies; Dr Oladosu of the Arabic and Islamic Studies Department; Dr Onayemi Dr Odebowale, and Dr Olusope, all of the Classics Department; Dr Raji Oyelade, Dr Odumosu, Dr Olorunyomi, all of the English Department; Dr Ajayi of the History Department; Dr Awosanni of the Theatre Arts Department; Dr Alla Fawole, Dr Ayeleru, Dr Babalobi, Dr Omotade, all of the European Studies Department; Dr Omole of the Communication and Language Arts Department; Dr Aderinto of the Sociology Department; and Dr Nwolise of the Political Science Department, among others.

We received valuable information and support from a number of organisations and institutions. For reasons of confidentiality we may not be able to mention some of these organisations here. We nonetheless thank them for sharing with us and giving us the opportunities to test some of our ideas, positions and arguments. Let us however appreciate the following institutions. We thank Olawale and others at the Academic Staff Union of Nigerian Universities’ National Secretariat, and at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria; Iwuala; Courson of Environmental Rights Action (ERA), Port Harcourt, Nigeria; correspondents of the
Guardian Newspapers from Lagos and Ibadan; correspondents of the Comet Newspapers; Balogun, Saseyi, and other staff at Galaxy television, Ibadan and Lagos; Afonja, Orimolade and other staff of the BCOS, Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State Ibadan; Nwachukwu of Hilary Sydenham Nig Ltd., Ibadan; and Agbo-Areo of the Philosophy Department, U.I., who kindly facilitated access to data on some authors and titles in the popular Pacesetters Series. We are very grateful to you all.

We appreciate the academic contributions of some undergraduate and postgraduate students of the following departments at the University of Ibadan who participated in the various seminars and round tables on the thematic concerns: Philosophy, History, Zoology, Theatre Arts, English, Law, Psychology, Biochemistry, Communication and Language Arts, Institute of African Studies, Library Studies, Kinetics and Human Education, Peace and Conflict Studies, among others. Thank you.
Contributors

Irene Omolola Adadevoh was appointed Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, in 1998. Since then she has written a number of articles on feminism, gender and ideology, and has participated in a number of local and international seminars and conferences on feminism and gender with reference to the African experience. Her doctorate research was on gender philosophy and myths.

Aduke G. Adebayo is a Chair and Professor in the Department of Modern European Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. She recently completed a tenure as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts in the same university. She has made contributions to French Studies especially aspects of Francophone African Literature and Comparative Literature.

Dapo Adelugba is a former Chair and Professor in the Department of Theatre Arts, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He has been a visiting professor at various universities in and outside Nigeria. At the moment he is at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria. He is a leading authority on Theatre Practice and Development especially Theatre History, Theory and Criticism of the Arts and Approaches to the Theatre Arts. Also he has pioneered some of the efforts to interface Philosophy, Aesthetics and the Theatre in Nigeria.

Felix Amanor-Boadu was a Lecturer in the Department of Modern European Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He is currently based in Ghana. He has done some work in the area of German Studies especially German Language and Literature and the cross-cultural implications of these for African social experience.

Olusegun Oladiran holds a postgraduate degree in African Studies from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He is currently in the United Kingdom for further studies in the areas of culture and belief systems. He is keenly interested in security matters.
Philip Ogo Ujomu, PhD is a Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He is interested in social philosophy, African philosophy, ethics, security issues and aspects of public policy. He has published some works in these areas.