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PRESENT

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

ILE-IFE AND YORUBA CIVILISATION: THE NEXUS BETWEEN TRADITION AND MODERNITY

* **DATE:** OCTOBER 10 – 14, 2023

* **VENUE:** OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE, OSUN STATE, NIGERIA

CALL FOR PAPERS

Ile-Ife is the cradle of Yoruba civilisation. According to Yoruba traditions, Ile-Ife was founded by the eponymous ancestor of the Yoruba people, Oduduwa, who also became the first divine king of the Yoruba people. The name, Ile-Ife, literally means the place of dispersal. Its very existence suggested the peopling of the Yoruba world from this sacred site. We welcome proposals, panels, papers and poster presentations that will enhance scholarly conception and understanding of Ile-Ife as the cradle of the Yoruba race and as the cultural headquarters of the black people. Given the centrality of Ile-Ife in Yoruba history, worldview, philosophy, religion and state formation processes, this conference brings together the fragmented pieces of Ile-Ife's cultural, political, demographic, social, economic and intellectual history from a multiplicity of perspectives. This conference deserves widespread interest and attention. Indeed, from the time it came into existence until Yoruba civilisation crystallised, Ile-Ife has played significant roles in ensuring that the people's cultural values, ideals and philosophies have remained sacrosanct.

The conference intends to identify and address several issues and subjects. How a monarchical system that developed in Ile-Ife became a template for the Yoruba-speaking people who, today, populate the Southwestern part of Nigeria, Republics of Benin, Togo, Brazil, Cuba, Trinidad and Tobago and other places in the Caribbean, underscores the political relevance of Ile-Ife in human development. Although there is controversy over the development of the institution of Ooni, the establishment of a centralised power structure with elaborate social, economic and judicial systems also portend that the Yoruba and, indeed, the black race are capable of organising a complex institution. How did the process of political centralisation begin in Ile-Ife? What is the implication of such development on other Yoruba kingdoms? How did the institution of the Ooni evolve? Who were the direct heirs of Oduduwa? Was Oranmiyan from Ile-Ife? It has also been suggested that there are over 400 or 201 deities in Ile-Ife worshipped with elaborate splendor. The role of the Ooni in the celebration of these deities deserves deeper exploration and critical examination. Of what cultural importance are these deities? Do they have a place in modern cultural realities? These and many posers will be addressed by participants from diverse disciplines and backgrounds at the conference.

From the 20th century, Ile-Ife, under the charismatic leaders such as Ooni Ademiluyi, Ooni Olubuse I, Ooni Adesoji Aderemi and Ooni Sijuade Olubuse II, has gradually been repositioned and restored as the cradle of the Yoruba race. Indeed, the emergence of His Imperial Majesty, Ooni Adeyeye Babatunde Enitan Ogunwusi, Ojaja II, in 2015 and his contributions to national development positions Ile-Ife as a leading light in the making of modern Nigeria. Upon his installation, the Ooni has embarked on several local and foreign trips to tie the loose ends and re-establish the cultural significance of the Yoruba. It is against this backdrop that we welcome participants to the: International Conference on *Ile-Ife and Yoruba Civilisation: The Nexus between Tradition and Modernity*, which holds at the **Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria**, in October 10 - 14, 2023. Although English is the official language for the conference, presentations can be made in Yoruba, English, French, Portuguese or Spanish languages.

SUB-THEMES

- Monarchs as Makers of History
- Religion and Culture of the People of Ile-Ife
- Early History of Ile-Ife
- Traditional Historians of Ile-Ife
- The Archaeologists and Anthropologists of Ile-Ife
- Palace Administration
- The Pre-Colonial Phase of Ile-Ife
- Ile-Ife and Inter-Group Relations
- Ile-Ife and the Rise of Modern Institutions
- Ile-Ife and the 21st Century Professionals
- Ile-Ife and the Challenge of Development
- Ile-Ife and Its Architecture
- Ile-Ife and Its Museums
- The Archaeology of Ile-Ife
- The Amazons of the People
- Ile-Ife in the Colonial and Post-Colonial Age
- Gender, Youth and Ife Sub-Culture
- Ife Economy, Markets and Commercial Traditions
- Appraising the Culture and Academic Historians of Ile-Ife
- The Local and the Global
- Ile-Ife and the Globalization of Yoruba Culture
- Ile-Ife since 2016

Submission of Abstracts:

Abstracts of not more than 250 words should be submitted electronically to: ifeconference@gmail.com.
Deadline for abstract submission: May 30, 2023

* The conference organisers plan to publish selected papers from the conference as chapters in a book to be published by a reputable academic publisher.

Expected guidelines for Individual Proposal

1. Title of the work and an abstract of 250 words
2. Name of the presenter (with the surname underlined)
3. Phone number
4. Email
5. Mailing address
6. Institutional affiliation
7. Three to five keywords that best describe the themes and topics relevant to the submission

Expected guidelines for Proposed Panel:

Proposals for panels (3-5 presenters) must include

1. Title of the panel and a collective summary of 250 words on the panel's theme, including the title of each individual work
2. A 250-word abstract for the presentation of each speaker
3. Mailing address
4. Phone number
5. Email
6. Institutional affiliation of each presenter

Conference Registration Fee

Conference Registration: #20,000
Post Graduate Students: #15,000
Undergraduate Students: #10, 000
International Participants \$100.00

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- Ile-Ife Grand Resorts, Fasina Ibadan Road, Ile-Ife, Osun State
- OAU Conference Centre & Guest House, OAU, Ile-Ife
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