



## Symposium on African Journalism Education

**March 30-31, 2023**

This symposium aims to promote conversations around the realities of journalism education in post COVID-19 digital era. These two days will present perspectives on how to build capacity development for journalism education in West Africa.

*This symposium is organized by:*

**Centre for Media and Communication Research (CMCR),**

*School of Media and Communication, Pan-Atlantic University, Nigeria*

*With the support of:*

**African Journalism Education Network (AJEN),**

*Wits Centre for Journalism, South Africa*

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### **PROGRAMME**

**Thursday, 30th March 2023**

**10:00 – 10:20 Opening Ceremony**

Opening remarks by the moderator

Welcome address by Dean, SMC

Introduction and remark by AJEN

**10:21 - 11:00 Keynote Lecture**

Nkechi Christopher (*University of Ibadan*):

**Journalism Education in West Africa: Assessing the Gaps.**

**11:05 - 12:25**

**SESSION 1 // Journalism Theories and Newsroom Realities in West Africa.**

**Session Chair: Wemimo Adewuni**

**Session Co-Chair: Nelson Okorie**

**Applicability of Gerbner's Cultivation Theory in Journalism Education in West Africa.**

Agwu Ejem (*Landmark University, Nigeria*)

**Illusion and Reality of Press Freedom in Selected West African Countries.**

Yetunde Ayobolu (*Koladaisi University, Nigeria*)

**Journalism Theories and Newsroom Realities in West Africa.**

Bisi Olawunmi (*Adeleke University, Ede*)

**Revisiting Theoretical Principles of Newsroom Practices in West Africa: An Interplay of Gatekeeping and Agenda Setting Theories.**

Yinka Olatunbosun (*This Day Newspaper*)

**12:30 - 13:30**

**SESSION 2 // E-learning Practices and Challenges in Journalism Education.**

**Session Chair: Wincharles Coker**

**Session Co-Chair: Nwaolikpe Onyinyechi**

**E-Learning Practices, Challenges and Opportunities in Post COVID-19 Journalism Education in Nigeria: Perspectives from ACCE Members.**


Charity Ben-Enukora (*Landmark University*)

**Discourse Analysis on e-Learning Practices and the Challenges of Journalism Training in Nigeria.**

Aondover Eric Msughter (*Caleb University, Nigeria*)

**E-Learning practices and Journalistic Responsibilities amid Primordial Pressure in Reporting Conflict.**

Paul Igbashangev (*Bayero University, Kano*)



**13:35 - 14:45**

**SESSION 3 // Indigenous Languages and Journalism Education in West Africa.**

**Session Chair: Lanre Amodu**

**Session Co-Chair: Marthe Bekele**

**Unmuting Indigenous Language Journalism Curriculum in the Post-COVID-19 Digital Space.**

Francis Osamwonyi Amenaghawon PhD (*University of Ibadan*)

**Indigenous Language and Journalism Training in West Africa.**

Toyosi Owolabi (*Lagos State University*)

**Assessment of Indigenous Language for African Journalism Training: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry.**

Progress Umor Daniel (*Ignatius Ajuru University of Education*)

**Impact of Indigenous Language on Disseminating the COVID-19 Information through the Cameroon Media.**

Marthe Bekele Matanda (*University of Bamenda, Cameroon*)

**14:45 - 14:50**

**Closing Remarks: Moderator**

<b>Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>
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**10:00 – 10:15 Opening Session**

Opening remarks by the moderator

Activities of CMCR by Director, CMCR

UNESCO-Google project by Wits Centre

**10:21 - 11:00 Keynote Lecture**

Last Moyo (*Xian Jiaotong-Liverpool University, Suzhou*):

**Rethinking journalism education beyond COVID-19.**

**11:05 - 12:25**

**SESSION 4 // Rethinking journalism courses in post COVID-19**

**Session Chair: Modestus Fosu Session Co-Chair:**

**Austin Okon-Akpan**

**Ethical Media Literacy in the Post-Covid-19 Digital Era.**

Anne Odoh (*Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos*)

**Pedagogy of African Journalism Education in Post COVID-19 Digital Era: Contradictions and Realities.**

Olanrewaju Ajakaiye (*Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Nigeria*)

**Re-evaluating the Realities of Journalism Education in a Digital Era: Lessons from Nigeria.**

Tordue Simon Targema (*Taraba State University, Jalingo*)

**Rejigging Journalism Courses and Mode of Delivery in Nigeria: Lessons from COVID-19.**

Ojo, Cornelius Segun (*Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo, Nigeria*)

**12:30 - 13:30**

**SESSION 5 // Journalism Training and Digital Research Tools.**

**Session Chair: Angela Nwammuo**

**Co-Chair: Tayo Fagbule**

**Journalism Training and Digital Research Tools in Africa.**

Obiorah Edogor (*Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka*)

**Digitalisation tools for Journalism Training**

Oyedepo Tunji (*Covenant University Ota*)

**Exploring the Potential of Artificial Intelligence for Supporting Indigenous Language Journalism Pedagogy.**

Olayinka Iyinolakan (*Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos*)

**Leveraging digital tools for data-driven journalistic learning and newsroom production.**

Doyinsola Dina (*LBS, Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos*)

**13:35 - 14:45**

**SESSION 6 // Infrastructural Challenges and Solutions for Journalism Education**

**Session Chair: Titiloye Oyeyinka**

**Session Co-Chair: Chinedu Christian Odoemelam**

**Pandemics and Disruptive Innovations: Challenges and Solutions of Infrastructure for African Journalism Training and Practice in the 21st Century.**

Andrew Ngene (*Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai*)

**Unearthing the state of science journalism in Ghana: A Nationwide Study of Techne and Praxis.**

Wincharles Coker, (*University of Cape Coast, Ghana*)



**Infrastructure Challenges and Solutions for Journalism Training in West Africa.**

Adenike Omotayo Okeya-Olayinka (*Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo*)

**Media economics and news commercialization in Nigeria: A Critical Discourse.**

Ata-Awaji Reuben (*Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwa Ibom State*)

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