



CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME SA'EED HUSAINI

NATIONALITY Nigerian

LANGUAGES English (mother tongue), Nigerian Pidgin (proficient), Hausa and French (conversational)

EXPERTISE

A political economist with a doctorate in International Development, specialising in political mobilisation and civic action. Career experience in public policy NGOs in Nigeria, the UK and the US, and as an analyst for investors and policymakers. Past project and competences include natural resources, elections and governance, environment, security, health and education at both Federal and State level in Nigeria.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2015 – 2019 DPhil in International Development, University of Oxford, UK
Doctoral thesis: *Beyond Stomach Infrastructure: Party Membership and Political Ideology in Nigeria's Fourth Republic*.
Co-Supervisors: Professor Abdul-Raufu Mustapha, Professor Wale Adebaniwi, Professor Jocelyn Alexander
Examiners: Professor David Pratten, University of Oxford; Professor Abiodun Alao, King's College London
Result: Awarded with no corrections
- 2014 – 2015 MSc in African Studies, University of Oxford, UK
Master's Thesis: *Vote-Buying, 'Stomach Infrastructure' and the 2014 Ekiti State Governorship Election*, Supervisor: Abdul-Raufu Mustapha
Result: Awarded with distinction
- 2009 – 2013 Bachelor of Arts, Pol. Science & Int'l Studies, GPA: 3.83/4, Hope College, MI, USA

EMPLOYMENT, RESEARCH AND COLLABORATIONS

- Aug 2022 – Present; **Junior Fellow**, Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana
- Feb 2022 – Present; **Research Fellow**, Center for Democracy and Development (CDD), Abuja, Nigeria
- Oct 2020 – July 2022; **Postdoctoral Researcher**, African Research Universities (ARUA) Center of Excellence for Urbanization and Habitable Cities, University of Lagos,
- Mar 2020 – Sep 2022; **Associate, The Policy Practice, London, UK**
Conducted field research across 4 geopolitical zones of in support of a study of the political economy of Nigeria's demographic transition commissioned by the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO).
- Mar - Apr 2020; Co-authored UK Department for International Development (DFID) commissioned report on the political economy of the forestry sector to inform climate

and conservation policy. Conducted field interviews and site visits in 7 states across southwestern, north-central, and south-south regions of Nigeria.

Jan - Mar 2020; **Short-Term Consultant, World Bank Group, Abuja, Nigeria**

Conducted an intensive review and update of the Nigeria Country Overview document *Nigeria: The Political Economy of Governance 2015*, based on a desk review of economic data and documentary evidence (2015 – 2019) on major political, governance, and economic changes at federal and state levels. Designed and carried out field research and interviews with key Abuja, Benin City, and Lagos-based informants including politicians, bureaucrats in government agencies, donors, business elites, journalists and civil society actors (supplemented by policy documents, news reports, memoirs, and other published material).

Dec 18 - Jan 20; **Analyst, Control Risks, Lagos, Nigeria**

- Lead on coverage of political and security developments in West Africa of relevance to clients subscribing to Control Risks' online products, writing regular updates on relevant trends, maintaining country background material and scenarios.
- Lead West Africa consulting projects by producing bespoke written reports, briefings and workshops, assessing political, security and operational risks facing clients, including by undertaking deployments in the region.

Jul - Oct 2018; **Consultant, The Policy Practice, London, UK**

- Wrote research note on election coverage of public sector reform issues in Ekiti and Osun States.
- Conducted field and telephone interviews and observation in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, and Osun State.

Jan 2018 **Consultant, Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDR), University of Birmingham**

- Co-authored European Union (EU) commissioned report on the dynamics of conflict, instability and resilience in Nigeria.
- Presented and defended contents of analysis to peer-researcher panel in advance of EU-Nigeria mission

2016 – 17 **Research Consultant, Freedom House, New York, USA**

- Authored country reports and ratings on the status of press freedom in Gabon, Cameroon & Equatorial Guinea in the years 2015/16.
- Presented and discuss ratings proposed for each country before audience of academics, analysts, and regional experts.

2015 – 16 **Researcher, Natural Resource Governance Institute, London, UK**

- Researched and wrote comprehensive overview of oil and gas sector in Nigeria
- Organised and conducted interviews with government officials, civil society activists, and relevant industry experts in Nigeria

2014 **Consultant, Progressive Governor's Forum, Abuja, Nigeria**

- Collaborated with diverse team to organize and manage two health policy and education conferences for 16 state health/education commissioners, four state governors, and over 500 high-level guests from across Nigeria.
- Wrote conference summary reports distilling recommended state-level reform on resource revenue management, education, and healthcare.

TEACHING

2017 - 18

Class Teacher, Oxford Department for International Development, Oxford University, UK

- Taught weekly seminar of 14 master's students on the Core Course in Development Studies. Classes were survey of central theories and themes in the historiography of Development.

- 2017 - 18 **Tutor, African Politics, Stanford (University) House, Oxford, UK**
- Designed and taught 8-week undergraduate module in African Politics.
- 2016 **Teaching Fellow, Politics, Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria**
- Taught undergraduate and graduate seminars on qualitative research methodologies and dissertation writing.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author (with Cheeseman, N. and Bertrand, E.) *A Dictionary of African Politics*. 2018, Oxford University Press.
- Husaini, S. & Herbert, S. (2018). Conflict, instability and resilience in Nigeria. *Rapid Literature Review* 1427. Birmingham, UK: GSDRC, University of Birmingham.

GUEST LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *Convergence vs. Differentiation: Party Ideology in Nigeria's Fourth Republic*, Online Workshop 14, July 2020, IFRA Institute of African Studies University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State Nigeria.
- *The Role of Ideology in Nigeria's 2019 Elections*. Guest Lecture, Department of Economics, Nile University, May 2, 2019, Abuja Nigeria
- *How are Nigerian Political Parties Not Empty Shells?* Breakfast Debate, French Embassy and Institut Francaise Du Nigeria, June 24, 2018, Abuja, Nigeria.
- *Coalition Politics in Nigeria's Fourth Republic*. African History and Politics Seminar, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford, April 23, 2018, Oxford, UK.
- *Do Nigerian Voters Welcome Vote-buying? "Stomach Infrastructure" and the 2014 Ekiti State Governorship Election*, The changing face of electoral manipulation in Africa Panel, 7th European Conference on African Studies, 29th June - 1st July 2017, Basel, Switzerland.
- *Legacies of the Left: Socialist Currents in Contemporary Nigerian Political Party Activism*, After Socialism: Forgotten Legacies, Possible Futures in Africa and Beyond, Workshop, 13-14 October, 2017 Iwalewahaus Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies, Bayreuth Germany.

OTHER ANALYTICAL WRITING

- '[Nigeria — Ruling party Holds National Convention Amidst Internal Crisis](#),' 22 June, 2018, Presidential Power Blog (regular contributor)
- '[Nigeria — Ekiti State Governorship Election is a crucial litmus test for the 2019 general election](#),' 27 April, 2018, Presidential Power Blog
- '[How to Write About Boko Haram: Review of A. Walker Eat the Heart of the Infidel](#),' 14 April 14, 2017, The Republic.
- '[Three Men and an Election: Who says Nigeria became a democracy overnight?](#)' 13 June 2015, The East African.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2018 Co-Organizer, Normative Politics in Africa Workshop, **London School of Economics, University of Oxford.**
- 2017 Nigeria Research Day Workshop, **University of Ife, Nigeria/Department of International Development, Oxford.**
- 2016 Co-Organizer, Nigeria Research Day Workshop, **Department of International Development/St Antony's College, Oxford**