



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, and demographic change 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

February 2024 – Present; **Acting Director**, Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD), Abuja, Nigeria

Mar 2020 – Present; **Associate, The Policy Practice, London, UK**
September 2022; Conducted field research across 4 geopolitical zones of Nigeria 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.

Feb 2022 – Present; **Research Fellow**, Center for Democracy and Development (CDD), Abuja, Nigeria

Aug 2022 – December 2023; **Junior Fellow**, Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana

Oct 2020 – July 2022; **Postdoctoral Researcher**, African Research Universities (ARUA) Center of Excellence for Urbanization and Habitable Cities, University of Lagos,

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.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- Co-authored (with Cheeseman, N. and Bertrand, E.) *A Dictionary of African Politics*. Oxford University Press. (2018).

Book chapters and reviews:

- Husaini, S. 2024, "Intellectual Origins of Market Reform Before Nigeria's Neoliberal Turn", ed., Tobias Rupprecht, *Peripheral Liberalism. Market Economists and The Liberal Script Outside the West*, Oxford University Press [under review].
- Husaini, S. & Houeland, C. 2024, "Nigeria: Left-Wing Politics lost between the streets, parliament, and elections?", in *Hvor Ble Det Av Solidariteten? Gjenreisning av det globale fellesskapet (Where did solidarity go? Reviving the global community)*, ed. Vegard Bye & Olle Törnquist, Kolofon Forlag, Oslo, Norway.
- Husaini, S. 2023, "Governing Party Constituency Building in Nigeria's Fourth Republic," in *Democracy and Nigeria's Fourth Republic: Governance, Political Economy, and Party Politics 1999–2023*, ed. Wale Adebawo, James Currey an imprint of Boydell & Brewer, Surrey, United Kingdom.
- Husaini, S. 2020, 2020. Review of Obadare, E. "Pentecostal republic: Religion and the struggle for state power in Nigeria", *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, vol 58, pp. 266 – 268.

Articles in peer-reviewed journals:

- Husaini, S., Maingraud-Martinaud, C. 2024, "Transnational asymmetries in archiving activism: a conversation" *Critique Internationale*, vol 1, no 102, pp. 121 – 143
- Husaini, S. 2024, "Party Ideology in Nigeria's four republics: A case of right-wing convergence," *Journal of Modern African Studies*, [accepted for publication].
- Husaini, S. 2024, "2024. "Populist Aesthetics and Party Organization in Nigeria," *Africa: Journal of the International Africa Institute*, [revise and resubmit].

GRANTS & AWARDS

- Award for Research and Preservation of Nigerian Pro-Democracy Activist Archives, French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA) & The French Embassy of Nigeria, "Fonds de Solidarité pour les projets Innovants", (€91,000), 2022 – 2024
- Africa-Oxford Initiative Grant: For early career social sciences research workshop in University of Ife, Nigeria. (£5000), 2017
- Antonian Fund Grant, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford: For workshop on new research in Nigeria. (£1000), 2016
- Eni Scholar, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford: (£14,057 per year), 2015 – 2017
- Kirk-Greene Prize, M.Sc. African Studies, University of Oxford: jointly awarded for best overall performance on master's course, 2015
- Winihen Jemide Research Grant, University of Oxford: for M.Sc. field research (£3000), 2015
- Renze Lyle Hoeksema Prize in Political Science, Hope College: for outstanding performance on undergraduate degree, 2014

ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Lagos Studies Association Nigeria (LSA); African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA); Council on the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA); African Studies Association UK (ASAUk); Political Studies Association UK (PSA); African Studies Association (ASA)