



**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
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AUGUSTINE UNIVERSITY
Ilara-Epe, Lagos State

CALL FOR PAPERS, PANEL AND ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS

*International Conference in Honour of
Rev. Msgr. Professor Francis Ishola Ogunmodede*



THEME:


**ENGAGING FRANCIS ISHOLA OGUNMODEDE'S
PHILOSOPHICAL IDEAS: LIFE AND LEGACIES**

(ON-SITE AND VIRTUAL)

Monday, 4th – Thursday, 7th November, 2024
Augustine University, Ilara-Epe, Lagos State

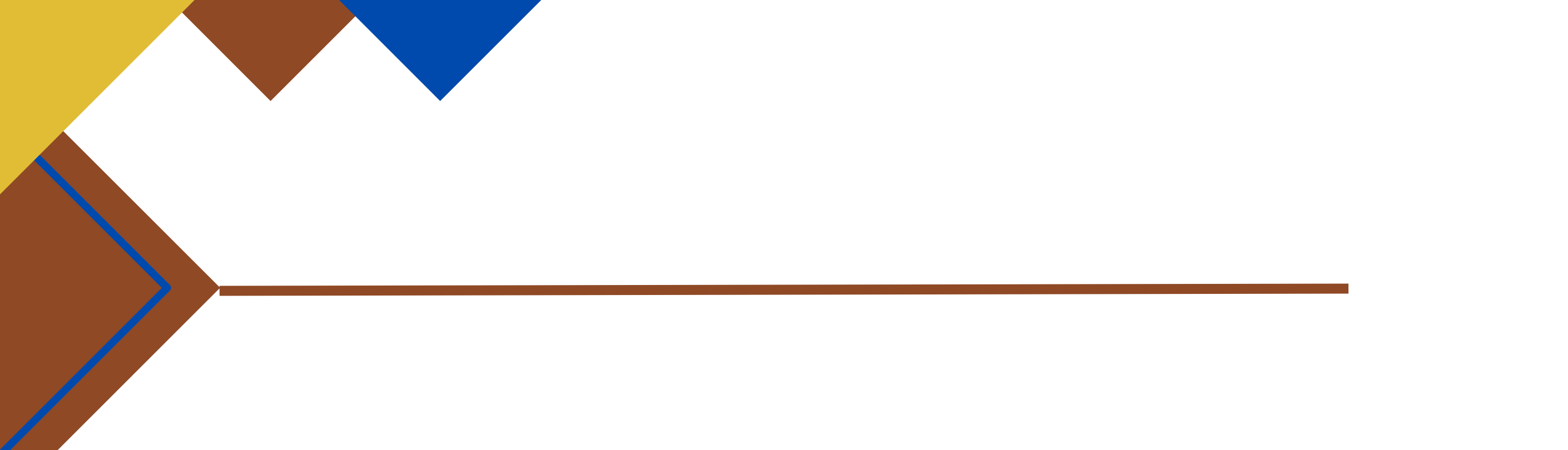
CONCEPT NOTE

This International Conference is organised by the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Augustine University, Ilara-Epe, Lagos, to bring all the associates, former students, friends, academics, professionals, social commentators, who are also conversant with the philosophical postulations, works and writings of Rev Msgr. Prof. Francis Ishola Ogunmodede together for a thorough, critical, and robust intellectual engagement of his philosophical ideas, as an avenue to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination and his 75th birthday anniversary, respectively. The conference intends to bring to fore the major philosophical contributions of Msgr. Prof. Ogunmodede to contemporary intellectual interrogation in the areas of African philosophy, covering Socio-political Philosophy, the thought of Awolowo, the language question and other areas. The importance of engaging the life and legacies of Msgr. Professor Francis Ogunmodede is further inspired by the consideration of the fact that, over the years, Msgr. Ogunmodede continues to exercise his faculties both as a Priest in the Catholic church and as a scholar.




By so doing, he contributes something of his own intellect and faith to the long history of the Roman Catholic church in nurturing fides et ratio - faith and reason; a function which the Church has exercised from the patristic era (2nd - 6th century) to contemporary times.

In the nearly 50 years of his ordination and intellectual activities, he has contributed significantly to the propagation of African philosophy as a field of study. His PhD thesis focused on the Political Thought of the foremost Nigerian and African thinker, Chief Obafemi Awolowo. He made a distinction between Awoism and Awology. Awoism is the socialist political ideology of Awolowo, while Awology is the study of the Political thought of Awolowo. Accordingly, an Awoist is a political associate or follower of Awolowo who believes in his socialist political ideology, while an Awologist is a scholar, a researcher, a specialist in Awolowo's Political thought. He was among the earliest African philosophers to draw attention to language problem in African Philosophy. He found it not only contradictory but also absurd to do African Philosophy using foreign languages.



This is a challenge to all African philosophers who write African Philosophy in foreign languages. He also ventured into the area of History and Historiography of African Philosophy and Philosophy of Law. Professor Ogunmodede contributed to addressing the most contentious issue of whether or not we needed a Sovereign National Conference (SNC) to consider those problems which have been threatening the corporate existence of the country, particularly since the annulment of the popular election of June 12, 1993.

To this end, the Department of Philosophy, Augustine University, Ilara-Epe, welcomes scholars to critically engage the philosophical works of Professor Msgr. Ogunmodede. Please, submit abstracts of not more than 200 words for fifteen (15) minutes presentation on any of the issues or themes in Ogunmodede's philosophical works and in other areas of African Philosophy.



SUB-THEMES

- Ogunmodede: The Priest and Scholar
- Ogunmodede on the History and Historiography of African Philosophy
- Ogunmodede on the Existence of African Philosophy
- Ogunmodede's Socio-Political Philosophy; Awolowo/Awoism
- Ogunmodede on African Philosophy and the Language Question
- Ogunmodede on Philosophy of Law
- Ogunmodede on Sovereign National Conference
- New Perspectives on Ogunmodede's Philosophical Ideas
- Reconsidering Ogunmodede on the Existence of African Philosophy
- Appraising Ogunmodede on History and Historiography of African Philosophy
- Ogunmodede on Human existence and Humanism
- Ogunmodede on Politics and Nationalism
- New Dimensions and Issues in Afrocentrism

Chief Host:

Prof. Christopher Odetunde

Vice-Chancellor, Augustine University

Co-Host:

Prof. Joseph Omoregbe

*Dean, Faculty of Humanities,
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Host:

Philip A. Edema, Ph.D.

*Ag. Head, Department of Philosophy
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Lead Paper:

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*The abstracts should be written in English. We also invite proposals for collaborative panels and roundtables. The abstracts and the proposals should be submitted to the following email: **ogunmodedeauiconference@gmail.com** Please, note that full papers would be collected after the conference to be peer reviewed and published as chapters in a book in a scholarly revered outlet.*

NOTE:

*The works of Msgr. Prof. Francis: I. Ogunmodede can be downloaded from this link
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NG1VZI4zSQm3GdGRlxjNS4ULZ13cZpx7?usp=drive_link*

Deadline for Submission of Abstract:
4th September 2024

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Conference Registration: N15, 000.00 (early reg.) N20, 000.00 (late reg.)

Postgraduate students: N10,000.00

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