

**UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA  
INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

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**1. Full name of the Department:** Institute of African Studies.

**2. Driving Philosophy:**

Culture provides the major conceptual matrices that help to define the precincts within which people in a given geographical area live and have their being. Consequent on this, the postgraduate programme of the Institute of African Studies therefore hinges on the philosophy of teaching the truth about African culture and “Africaness” and situating this in the context of the new global and cultural development agenda.

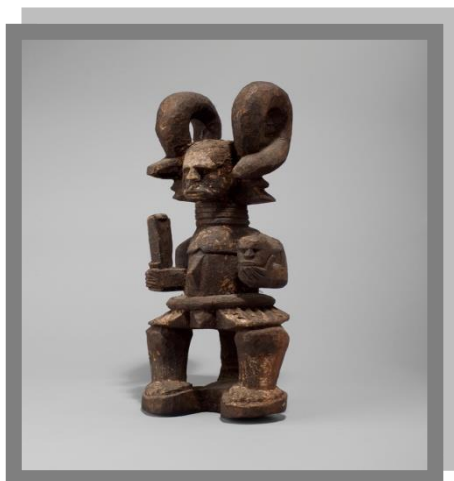
**The Specific Objectives and Aims**

The over-riding objective of the Institute is to further knowledge and understanding of African societies and culture with a view to contributing to the development process. With this broad objective for interdisciplinary research in number of topical areas in the field of African Studies; it aims specifically at:

The objectives of the PGD, MA (African Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies) and Ph.D Programmes in African Studies include:

- i. The preserve, sustain, and promote the African identity.
- ii. To establish a deep-rooted knowledge in African philosophy, politics, art, culture, language, and spiritual essence.
- iii. To establish courses in the cultural, intellectual, and artistic endeavours of the African people.
- iv. To take holistic perspectives and views in inter-disciplinary areas in the basic life patterns of African societies and their culture.
- v. To present to the outside world, the African world view and harness African life patterns and endeavours for development in a modern technological age.
- vi. To establish a better understanding of the scope and concept of Peace and Security Studies
- vii. To analyse existing peace structures in Africa with specific reference to social, psychological, economic, legal, health and educational aspects.
- viii. To develop a theoretical framework for analysis of various dimensions of Peace and Security Africa.
- ix. To promote a critique of existing knowledge in relation to Peace, Security and Development.
- x. To enable students organize development projects more effectively, keeping in view security needs.

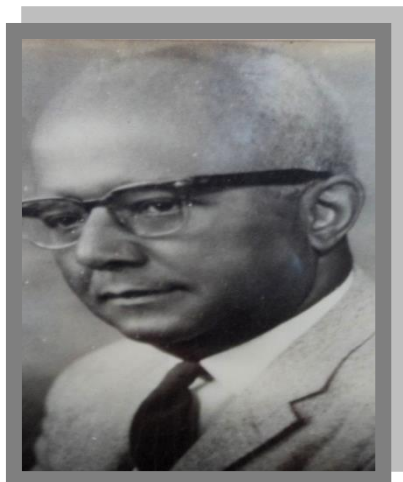
## 2. Departmental Logo:



**IKENGA of African Studies**

## 4. Brief history of Institute of African Studies headship

The foundation of the Hansberry College of African Studies was approved in September, 1962 by the Governing Council of the University of Nigeria as a graduate (post-graduate) college. The College was opened on September 23, 1963 with a four-day seminar at the Nsukka Campus held on “The Emergence of African Political Thought”. The seminar was attended by eminent scholars and authorities on African studies from many places in Nigeria and overseas. The keynote address was delivered by Professor William Leo Hansberry, whose name the college bears and who was designated its Director.



### ***Prof. W.L. Hansberry (non-resident Director) 1963-64***

During the 1964 academic session, the College was renamed Hansberry Institute of African Studies. Its mandate to operate as a research and post-graduate teaching unit was not affected by the change in its name. The aims and objectives for setting up the Institute were to meet the need expressed in the Nigerian Federal Report, Investment in Education (Ashby Report, 1960) for

Nigerian Universities. The Institute constitutes a research centre, a Research Library, an ethnographic unit, cinematographic and technical unit, and a Museum which is the most equipped in this part of the country. The Institute also provides appropriate institutional base to visiting scholars from other universities around the world, and creates sustainable environment for partnership with other research centres.

The Institute has two research publications. The first, *Ikenga: International Journal of African Studies* attempts to cover the entire spectrum of African Studies both in Africa and the Diaspora. The second publication, *Ikoro: Journal of African Studies*, is an organ for the dissemination of information in current research activities in all areas of African Studies around the globe.

The Institute also engages in occasional publications in different areas of African Studies including African Indigenous Laws, Literature, Religion, Music, Health Care, Politics, and Gender. Additional mandate of the Institute include the provision of regular Seminars, Workshops, and Lecture Series. Finally, the Institute coordinates works and research related to African Studies in other academic areas.

#### List of Directors (1963-2017):

Name	Tenure
<b>Prof. W.L. Hansberry (non-resident Director)</b>	1963-64
<b>Prof. E.W. Blyden III (Political Science)</b>	1964-66
<b>Dr. S.N. Nwabara (History acting)</b>	1966-71
<b>Dr. A.E. Afigbo (History) acting</b>	1971-72
<b>Prof. S.N. Nwabara (History)</b>	1972-81
<b>Prof. D.I. Nwoga (English)</b>	1981-84
<b>Prof. Uche Okeke (Fine/Applied Arts)</b>	1984-86
<b>Prof. C.C. Aniakor (Fine/ Applied Arts)</b>	1986-88
<b>Prof. S.A. Ekwelie (Mass Communication)</b>	1988-89
<b>Prof. A.E. Afigbo (History)</b>	1989-92
<b>Prof. I.T.K. Egonu (Foreign Languages and Literature)</b>	1992-96
<b>Prof. O.U. Kalu (Religion)</b>	1996-98
<b>Prof. O.O. Enekwe (Theatre Arts)</b>	1998-04
<b>Prof. Aloy Ohaegbu (Foreign Languages and Literature)</b>	2004-06
<b>Prof. Emeka Otagburuagu (English)</b>	2006-10
<b>Prof. Sam Onuigbo (English)</b>	2010-2014
<b>Prof. Emeka Nwabueze (Theater and Film Studies)</b>	2014-Date.

#### 5. Approved postgraduate programmes/Date of approval

The foundation of the Institute of African Studies was approved in September, 1962 by the Governing Council of the University of Nigeria as a graduate (post-graduate) college. From that

date, the Institute focused on research. But in 2008, the Institute of African Studies started admitting students into her graduate programmes, hence fulfilling the mandate of its establishment. Also in 2015 a programme in Peace and Conflict Studies was approved by the University Senate for the Institute of African Studies. Institute of African Studies Approved Postgraduate Programmes are as follows:

- PGD =African Studies / Peace and Conflict Studies.
- M.A= African Studies.
- M.A = Peace and Conflict Studies.
- Ph.D =African Studies.

## 6. Academic Staff

S/No.	Name / Rank	Degree and Awarding Body
1	Prof. Emeka Nwabueze. Professor	B.A, (UNN), M.A (Michigan), Ph.D (Iowo)
2	Dr. Tony Nwaezeigwe. Senior Research Fellow	B.A., M.A, Ph.D (UNN)
3	Dr. Ifeanyi E. Iwundu Research Fellow 1.	B.Ed., PGD, MPA, M.Sc. DPA (UNN)
4	Dr. Jude T. Omenma Research Fellow 1.	B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D (UNN)
5	Dr. Nkiru Ohia Research Fellow 1.	B.Ed., M.Ed.,Ph.D (UNN)
6	Dr. Magnus Aniago Research Fellow 1.	B.A, M.A., (UNN), M.A (UNIZIK), Ph.D (ESUT)
7	Ikpe, Ibenekwu Research Fellow 1.	B.Sc. (Benin), M.Sc. (UNN)
8	Orajaka, N Research Fellow 1.	B.A, M.A (UNN)
9	Okagu, George Research Fellow 1.	B.A, M.A (UNN)
10	Ezeigbo, Joy Research Fellow 1.	B.Sc., M.Sc. (UNN)
11	Ogbonne, I. Pauline Research Fellow 1.	B.Sc., MBA (UNN)
12	Ogiri Happiness Asst. Research Fellow.	B.Sc., M.Sc (UNN)

## 7. Postgraduate Experience.

- a. Number of PGD graduated since inception= PGD 0, M.A= 4 and Ph.D = 1.

**b. List of Approved Postgraduate Supervisors:**

S/No.	Name / Rank	Degree and Awarding Body
1	Prof. Emeka Nwabueze. Professor	B.A, M.A, Ph.D (UNN)
2	Dr. Ifeanyi E. Iwundu Research Fellow 1.	B.Ed., PGD, MPA, M.Sc. DPA (UNN)
3	Dr. Jude T. Omenma Research Fellow 1.	B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D (UNN)
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5	Dr. Magnus Aniago Research Fellow 1.	B.A, M.A., Ph.D ( )

**8. Statement of Competencies / Skills acquired at the end of Postgraduate Studies in the Institute.**

Graduate of the Institute of African Studies (IAS) has opportunities for collaborative interdisciplinary research with the academic staff members in the university, other Nigerian universities and those abroad as well as with local and international agencies. Apart from being an academic staff in any university, opportunities are available for such graduate to be an outstanding consultant in African culture and tradition as well as Peace and Conflict management especially in the continents ravaged by conflict.

**9. Some Pictures of activities undertaken by the Institute of African Studies.**

a.



*Participants at the programme titled, “Onodu Ndigbo Nime Nigeria Obu Ihe ha Mere Onwe Ha?” (The Condition of the Igbo in Nigeria, is it self-inflicted?).*

*b.*



*The visit of Dr. Ike Achebe (Prof. Chinua Achebe's son) in 2016. Chinua Achebe was Senior Research Fellow, 1970-73 (IAS)*

*c.*



*Former governor of Anambra State, Chief Chukwuemeka Ezeife (standing), during one of the International Conferences of the Institute of African Studies in 2008*