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Book Project

On

***Democracy in Two Decades, 1999-2019: Reflections on Nation-Building
and Development in Nigeria***

CALL FOR PAPER

After a long struggle spanning more than a decade against military dictatorship, Nigeria returned to democratic rule in May, 1999. Nigeria's democracy has not only evolved but matured in two decades despite its many challenges. Accounts of what has changed between 1999 and 2019 are crucial to understand how democracy is driving the process of nation-building and business of development in Africa's most powerful nation. Democracy remains one of the major political systems of governance and promotes nation-building in terms of active participation of citizenry.

The spate of transition to multi-party democracy in Nigeria since 1999 has transformed elections. As a nascent democracy, the country and its people have had to struggle with the real tenets of democracy. However, the history of competitive multi-party elections in Nigeria over the years indicates a process often marred by pre- and post-electoral crises which arise from electoral manipulations or lack of confidence in the electoral process.

The return to democracy was received with genuine enthusiasm among the masses who perceived the moment would usher in rule of law, social justice, equality and development.

That aspiration has been dashed due to economic crisis, insecurity and social tension. The hope for fundamental political and economic change waned. Is the colonial past of despotic governance under the indirect rule system and 'representative chieftaincies' hunting contemporary democratic practice? To what extent did the long years of military rule influence current democratic conducts and misconducts? Is Nigeria a good example of federal democratic state or unitary democratic state? How do we assess civic culture and viability of democratic institutions? In what ways are the various arms of government strengthening or undermining democratic values and principles. Scholarly papers are welcome to discuss Nigeria's democratic process since 1999 and how it has shaped the process of nation building and development.

Sub-themes :

- Electoral reforms
- Governance and accountability
- Electoral violence
- Militarism, Insurgency, Irredentism and brigandage in a democracy
- Democracy and freedom of speech
- Corruption and anti-corruption in a democracy
- Party politics
- God fatherism and politics
- Democracy and social movements
- Democracy and civil society
- Democracy and nation-building
- Democracy and development
- Women in power and politics
- Democracy and the judiciary
- Democracy and the executive
- Democracy and the legislature
- Democracy and the military
- Case studies of dividends of democracy
- Changing nature of Intergroup relations in a democracy
- Democracy and peace-building
- Democracy and the youth
- Democracy and human security
- And many more.

Authors are encouraged to generate empirical data for the analysis in their chapters. The chapters, which should not exceed 10,000 words are to be written in conformity to high academic standard using the conventional APA reference style, Times New Roman, 12point font, double spaced and justified.

Each chapter contribution is expected to adhere to the following guidelines: Abstract, Introduction, Brief Literature Review and Theoretical Framework/Perspective, Main Body of the Chapter, Implications of the thematic focus on democracy, nation-building and development, Recommendations, Conclusion, References and Appendices (where applicable).

Chapter contributions should be sent to the editors on or before 15 August, 2019.

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