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British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA) International Graduate Conference, November 17th – 18th, 2022

**Theme: Political Competition and Democratic Elections in Africa:
Past, Present and Future Prospects**

Host: British Institute in Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

Venue: Physical: BIEA Seminar Room

Venue: Virtual (Zoom): [Registration link](#)

Conference Programme EAT Time

DAY ONE: 17 th November, 2022		
Coordinator - Ruth Nyabuto		
Time	Speaker	Activity
8:30 am – 9:05 am	Conference Registration and Reception/Breakfast Conference Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address	
9:05 am – 9:15 am	Dr Clélia Coret, Director, IFRA	Remarks and Welcome the Director, BIEA
9:15 am - 9:25 am	Dr Damaris Parsitau, BIEA Country Director	Remarks and Opens the Conference
9:25 am – 10:00	Keynote Speaker: Dr Cyril Obi, Program Director – Social Science Research Council (SSRC)	Keynote address “Emerging Challenges to Democracy and Development in a Post-Pandemic Africa.”
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Q&A Session	
Panel 1A: Governance and Development in Africa. Chair: Dr. Catherine Gateri		
Time	Speaker (s)	Title
10:25 am – 10.35 am	IBRAHIM Salihu, University Lapai, Niger state-Nigeria (Online)	Effects of Good Governance and National Development in Nigeria: Bida Local Government Area of Niger State in Focus (2016-2021)
10:35 am – 10.45 am	LLOYD Nhodo, University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban South Africa (Physical)	The State-People Relations in Development-Induced Displacement: Politics in the Tokwe Mukosi Water Project in Zimbabwe.

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10:45 am – 11.00 am	MATAI Muon , University of oxford (Online)	South Sudan in Transition: Governance as an Exit Strategy?
11.00 – 11:15 a.m.	ODONGO Nicholas , Korea University (Physical)	Citizen Political Participation in Kenya: A Cross-Sectional Analysis
11.15 – 11.55 a.m.	Q&A Session	
11:55 am – 12:05 pm	HEALTH BREAK	
Panel 1B: Youths, and Indigenous Groups – Chair: Angela Kabiru		
Time	Speaker (s)	Title
12:05 pm – 12: 15 pm	PAUL Michael , University of Pretoria, South Africa (Online)	Youth Vulnerability and Political Participation In Contemporary Africa
12:15 pm - 12:25 pm	OGUNSAKIN Oluwasegun , Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Nigeria (Online)	The Political Participation of Youths and Its Implication on Sustainable Democracy in Nigeria
12:25 pm - 12:35 pm	SHEIKH Abdulahi , Nigeria (Online)	Inclusive Social Media Elections and Electoral Violence in Nigeria Democracy: A Study of Lapai Local Government Area Youths in 2019 Election
12:35 pm - 12:45 pm	WONDIMAGEGNEHU Haile , Dilla University, Ethiopia (Physical)	Conceptualizing Indigenous Notion of Peace Among the Gede’o, of Southern Ethiopia.
12.45 pm – 1:25 pm	Q&A Session	
1:25 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	
Panel 1C: Political Ideologies and Discourses – Chair: Dr Francesca Di Matteo		
Time	Speaker (s)	Title
2:15 pm – 2:25 pm	MELUSI Nkomo , University of Zurich, Switzerland (Online)	Hustlers, Power, and Fortune: Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining and Politics Economy of Zimbabwe’s Chronic Crisis.
2:25 pm – 2:35 pm	OMOSEFE Oyekanmi , Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER), Nigeria (Online)	Party Ideology and Internal Party Democracy in Nigeria: Reflections on Selected Political Parties in Nigeria.
2:35 pm – 2:45 pm	BRENDA McCollum , University of Oxford (Physical)	Political Collaborations and Alliances: The Political Work and Achievements of the Ganda Muslim Community During the Colonial Period (Ca. 1900 – 1962)

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2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	MWENDWA Kivuva & NANCY Marangu , KICTANet & Kenya Film Classification Board, Kenya (Physical)	Effects of Disinformation and Misinformation for Persons with Disabilities on Political Discourse During the Kenya National General Elections, 2022
3:00 pm – 3.40 pm	Q&A Session	
Snacks/Networking Session		
ADJOURNMENT		
DAY TWO: 18th November, 2022		
8:30 am – 9.05 am	Coordinator: Dr Pamela Ochungo Conference Registration and Breakfast.	
Panel 2A: Democratising Institutions and Legislative Bodies. Chair: Dr Jonathan Omuchesi		
Time	Speaker (s)	Title
9:05 am – 9:15 am	ABIODUN Yetunde Agboola , Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER), Nigeria (Online)	The Nigerian State and Power Contestation: Assessing Violent Groups and Implications for National Development
9:15 am – 9:25 am	PAUL Otieno , RESTECH centre, Kenya (Physical)	An Analysis of The Pitfalls of Electoral Management Bodies in Africa and Electoral Democracy.
9:25 am – 9:35 am	Sarah Mukami , University Of Nairobi, Kenya (Physical)	Constitutional Coups And Democratization Challenge in Africa
9:35 am – 9:45 am	MUZENJE Alois , Great Zimbabwe University (Online)	Killing, Viewed From a Conflict Management Perspective: A 'Just Punishment' Using the Shona People's Lenses.
9:45 am – 10:00 am	MEREDITH Whye , University of Wisconsin-Madison (Online)	Curricular Political Vacuum: CBC's Lack of Politics
10:00 am – 10:40 am	Q&A Session	
10:40 am – 10:55 am	HEALTH BREAK	
Panel 2B: Elections – Chair: Dr Kennedy Gitu		
Time	Speaker (s)	Title
10:55 am - 11:05 am	MYESHA Jemison , Cambridge University (Physical)	Building to Brexit: The Role of Cambridge Analytica in Presidential Elections in Sub-Saharan Africa
11:05 am - 11:15 am	RATIDZO Midzi , Midlands State University, Zimbabwe (Online)	My Vote, My Choice, My Privacy. Deaf And Blind And Elections In Zimbabwe.

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11:25 am - 11:25 am	CYNTHIA Kaweru , Kenya (Physical)	Electronic Voting
11:25 am – 11:35 am	FRED Olowendo , Riara University, Nairobi, Kenya (Physical)	From Ethnic Identifications to 21st Century Paradigms: Case Of Electoral Competition And Democratization Processes for Sustainable Development in Contemporary Africa
11:35 am – 11:50 am	BRENDA Ogutu , Busara Centre, Kenya (Physical)	Understanding The Unique Set of Citizen Profiles in Uganda and the Different Set of Civic Engagement Behaviours They Partake in
11:50 am – 12:40 pm	Discussants: Q&A Session	
12:40 pm – 1:45 pm	LUNCH BREAK	
Panel 2C: Women participation and identity Politics – Chair: Dr Alice Gathoni		
Time	Speaker (s)	Title
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	BISHARO Ali Hussein , United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM) (Physical)	Looking Beyond The Quota System for Women’s Representation in Somali Parliament: A Case Of Quantitative Vs Qualitative Representation
2:00 pm - 2:10 pm	BOGE Faruk Idowu , Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos (Online)	Fashion and Political Identity in Nigeria: A Historical Analysis
2:10 pm - 2:20 pm	AMBROSE Otachi , Election Science Institute –Africa (Physical)	What Election of Women Means for Kenya
2:20 pm - 2:30 pm	MAMELLO Rakolobe , University of Botswana-UB (Physical)	The Effect of The Experiences of Female Councillors on Their Performance In Local Government in Lesotho.
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Q&A Session	
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Round Table Discussion – Chair Dr David Ngira Topic: ‘The Nexus Between Elections and Democracy in Africa.’ Discussants: PAUL Otieno, BRENDA McCollum and CYNTHIA Kaweru	
Vote of Thanks – Dr Fred Nasubo		
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