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ICS Welcomes New Research Fellows

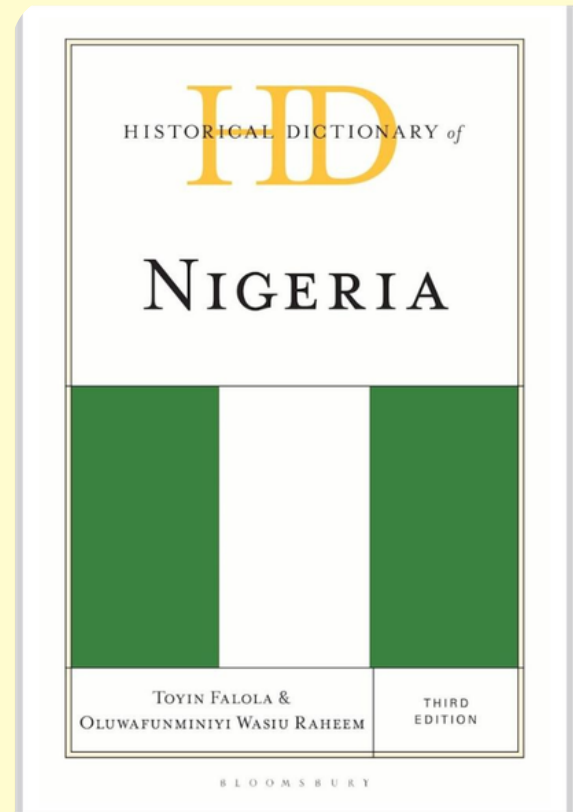


On 7th November, 2025, the Institute of Cultural Studies (ICS) welcomed four Research Fellows, namely Dr. Oluwafunminiye Wasiu Raheem, Senior Research Fellow, who holds a Ph.D. in History and International Studies from the University of Ilorin; Dr. Olubunmi Omotosho, Research Fellow II, who holds a Ph.D. from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; Dr. June Temitope Gbadamosi, Research Fellow II, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Ibadan, and Philip Oloruntola, Junior Research Fellow, who is currently at an advanced stage of his Ph.D at the University of Ibadan. The four Fellows are to work under the current ICS Director, Prof. Olusegun Oladosu, to chart a new course for the Institute.

January 2026

ICS Senior Research Fellow, Dr. Raheem Announces Publication of New Book

ICS Senior Research Fellow, Dr. Oluwafunmiyi Wasiu Raheem, announced the publication of his book, *Historical Dictionary of Nigeria*, 3rd edition (Lanham: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2026), on 8th January, 2026. Co-authored with distinguished Professor of History, Dr. Toyin Falola, the book includes a chronology, an introduction, extensive bibliography and cross-referenced entries on important personalities and aspects of the country's politics, economy, foreign relations, religion and culture.



February 2026



ICS Test Run Film Series Screening

A test run of a film series screening commenced with great enthusiasm at the ICS in February. Introduced by the ICS Research Fellow II, Dr. Gbadamosi, the series was an opportunity for attendees to see Africa through the lens of documentary films, culture and emerging global conversations. The film series is intended to be held every fortnight at the ICS and promises to be an intellectually and culturally engaging atmosphere.

February 2026

ICS Inspection Tour of Tonkere Archaeological Site



ICS Director, Prof. Olusegun Oladosu and Research Fellows were invited by renowned archaeologist and former Director of the Natural History Museum, Prof. Adisa Ogunfolakan, for an inspection tour of the Tonkere archaeological site located within the university. The inspection tour served as an opportunity to familiarise the ICS team with the current state of the site. Dr. Abidemi Babatunde Babalola of the British Museum and head of the project hosted the ICS team. He used the opportunity to explain the current project to the ICS team and identified opportunities available for future collaboration.

March 2026

ICS Courtesy and Collaborative Visits



The ICS welcomed friends from the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HUB) who made a courtesy visit to the Institute. The visit was an opportunity to speak about their current project on the Janheinz Jahn archive domiciled at the HUB.

Staff of the ICS paid a courtesy visit to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Gbenga Fasiku, with Dr Oluseyi Atanda as part of collaborations for the forthcoming Odun Isele programme scheduled to hold in August 2026.

ICS Fellows also paid collaborative visits to sister research centres and institutes within the university community. These include the Centre for Gender and Social Policy Studies and the Institute of Education. The visits were made to identify and fashion out

areas of interest and possibility for future collaborations on research, conferences, grants and teaching. Visits to other centres are planned for the third quarter of 2026.

ICS Fellows toured the Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, to discuss possible future collaborations. Prof. Sola Olorunyomi, the Director of the Institute, welcomed the ICS Fellows and presented books for the ICS Library. Further discussions on shared interests were slated for the fourth quarter of 2026.

ICS Fellows paid a courtesy visit to His Royal Majesty, Oba Bankole Adewale Ojutalayo (Faderera I), the Laroka of Wanikin of Ile-Ife, Osun State, at his residence. The Fellows were accompanied by ICS Cultural Programme Officer, High Chief Awelewa, to discuss modalities and preparations for the monarch's birthday programme slated for April 2026.



ICS Fellows Attend Academic Workshop at Ibadan

ICS Fellows attended the workshop of the research linkage group, BOBIB, held at the University of Ibadan. The Fellows used the opportunity to link up with the German Consul General of the German Consulate in Lagos, Mr Daniel Krull, for possible collaborations.

April 2026

ICS Monthly Webinar Series Hosts Prof. Iyanda of Dept. of Comp. Sci. and Engr.

The **April edition** of the ICS Monthly Webinar Series was presented by Prof. Abimbola Rhoda Iyanda of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. Her paper titled A Framework for Integrating Indigenous Languages into an Electronic POS System for Nigerian SMEs explored avenues through which the major languages spoken in Nigeria could be integrated into the POS platforms for easy understanding among the local population, and especially in rural communities where there is a lack of formal education. The paper provided ample opportunities for interaction among participants with interesting feedback for the presenter to develop her work further.

May 2026

Annual Lecture in Honour of Araba Osundagbonu Ifayemi Elebuibon

The 2026 Annual Lecture in Honour of Osundagbonu Ifayemi Elebuibon (Araba Awo of Osogbo) took place at the Oduduwa Hall of the University on 19th May, 2026. The programme brought together traditional rulers, scholars, students and distinguished guests to honour and celebrate the life, intellectual legacy, and enduring contributions of one of Africa's foremost custodians of Yoruba cultural traditions and Indigenous knowledge systems.



June 2026



ICS Monthly Webinar Series Hosts Scholars from Univ. of York and Ghent Univ.

The June edition of the ICS Monthly Webinar Series was presented by Kolawole Ganikale, Resident Scholar and PhD researcher in Music at the University of York. His paper titled Yoruba Music: A Culture, Knowledge and Technology in Contemporary Practice, examined the role Yoruba music played in the culture and knowledge of the people.

ICS Webinar Series (Book Presentation) played host to Dr. Oluwabunmi Tope Bernard of Ghent University, Belgium, who presented her book titled: The Gods Are Wise: Yoruba Sacred Orature and Environmental Sustainability.

Brazil-Africa Partnership between ICS and Brazilian Government to Commence Soon



The Brazilian government launched a Call for Cooperation Proposals – Brazil-Africa, for the commencement of research and cooperation projects from thematic networks in partnership with the ICS. This collaboration drew representatives from Brazil who visited the ICS for discussions on the project, which will commence soon.

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