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INTERNATIONAL ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

THEME: AFRICA'S COVID-19 SCENERIES: INTELLECTUALIZING EVERY AND ALL OF CORONAVIRUS' OUTLOOK OF THE CONTINENT

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Scholarly thinking, and particularly public opinion as usual, about the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa is awash with dissimilar perspectives. A lot of thinkers and opinions conclude that the pandemic has further exposed Africa's peripheral status in global affairs, some feel otherwise. Quite many views hold that Africa has been able to flex its budding superiority as the continent is able to defile Euro-Western pundits' projection that the disease will very much decimate the continent's peoples more than others. Such a negative forecast derives partly because of Africa's ubiquitous decadent public infrastructure and bad governance that by considerable measure sustains deterioration of the healthy living of Africans. Yet, little scientific attempt or none at all is being actually invested by African political leaders and academics to truly discover the spatiotemporal factors why the anticipated coronavirus-induced deaths of the continent don't match its tenacity in North America or Europe in the view of an insignificant number of researchers. Few commentaries also note that this pandemic offers a viable opportunity for Africa to address its developmental gaps in her healthcare systems and every other fields of human endeavours for elongating and improving life and living. Equally airing, an infinitesimal intellectual and opinionated observation from the social sciences, management and humanities spheres is that which especially points to the failure of African political leadership to confront the pandemic head-on.

What is obvious from all aforesaid is that the COVID-19 pandemic thus far impacts on Africa in ways that transcend into a "new normal". Consequently, it should be conceived that coronavirus is impacting all fields of human activities, as well as on every arena of intellectualism discipline qua discipline. On this mark, it should be noted that the opinionated stance of reflective intellectualism about COVID-19's interface in the continent ought to result in longer length of life for Africans. Intellectuals generally, therefore, will not merely have to cope with the hassles of the "new normal" in their traditional roles for societal transformation, but more importantly contribute meaningfully to the further shaping of the "new normal". I/we for one hold that the very often divergence of opinions, perceptions and thinking of the COVID-19 contrived "new normal" in Africa stems not from poor knowledge about the workings of the virus but mostly from none-appreciation of the distinctive uniqueness of the African continent. Put uniquely, I/we note that the understanding of Africa's "new normal" by all and sundry commentaries is more a product of Eurocentric isomorphism. Isomorphism as used here implies that the "new normal" brought about by COVID-19 is not shaped by African authenticities on ground and overtime but borrowed ideas from the West. Indeed, the "new normal" does not derive from an avid appreciation of the African landscape's endowments and realisms that if appropriately cum optimally promoted and utilized could cause original value-addition to the shaping of her future "new normal" in ways that strengthens the continent's global relevancy from COVID-19.

It is for the sake of positioning African intellectualism geared towards better understanding and ultimately advancing the continent's coronavirus-manufactured "new normal" that this online conference themed "AFRICA'S COVID-19 SCENERIES: INTELLECTUALIZING EVERY AND ALL OF CORONAVIRUS' OUTLOOK OF THE CONTINENT" is initiated. It is expected that sound intellectualizing of deeply rich topical and insightful scholarships; rigorously conceived interrogative discourses on Africa's COVID-19-prompted "new normal" will be engaged in during the online conference. Expectedly, well-articulated research papers bearing sound theoretical and methodological underpinnings of up to 5000 words or more will flow from the conference. On this note, participants that fall within the spectrum of intellectuals, pundits, academics, political policymakers and public administrators, policy analysts, medical scientists and healthcare professionals cum core sciences experts, educationists, researchers, postgraduate candidates, the-fight-coronavirus advocacy organizations, all forms of civil society groups (religious and traditional institutions and herbal medicine practitioners particularly), international participants and organizations of every foci, concerned citizens and the general public are hereby invited to register and engage the abovementioned proposed theme with a view to publish a book. Topics that have relative indirect connection to the above stated theme are also welcome. Nonetheless, the table below constitute a guide to intellectual fields that cannot but be visible in the conference:

Intellectualizing Africa's COVID-19-induced "new normal":	Core social science disciplines –	Political science, sociology, psychology, economics.	Intellectualizing Africa's COVID-19-induced "new normal":	Core faculty of engineering disciplines -	Related engineering disciplines.
Intellectualizing Africa's COVID-19-induced "new normal":	Evolved social science disciplines –	Security studies, geography, public administration, social works, international relations, mass communication, criminology, anthropology, etc.	Intellectualizing Africa's COVID-19-induced "new normal":	Core faculties of technology, building and architecture disciplines -	Related technology, building and architectural disciplines.
Intellectualizing Africa's COVID-19-induced "new normal":	Core humanities disciplines–	Philosophy, language/linguistic studies, communications art, archeology, history, religious studies, archeology, etc.	Intellectualizing Africa's COVID-19-induced "new normal":	Related faculty of sciences disciplines -	Related science disciplines such as biology, genetic science, zoology, etc.
Intellectualizing Africa's COVID-19-induced "new normal":	Evolved humanities disciplines –	Music, journalism, fine art, diplomatic affairs, peace and conflict studies.	Intellectualizing Africa's COVID-19-induced "new normal":	Core, evolved and related faculty of education disciplines -	All related faculty of education disciplines.
Intellectualizing Africa's COVID-19-induced "new normal":	Core faculty of medical sciences disciplines-	All medical science disciplines.	Intellectualizing Africa's COVID-19-induced "new normal":	Core and evolved faculty of management and administration disciplines -	Accountancy, banking and finance studies, marketing, cooperative economics and management, entrepreneurial studies, business administration, insurance, public policy administration science, etc
Intellectualizing Africa's COVID-19-induced "new normal":	Specific medical health disciplines -	All evolved health sciences related disciplines.			

IMPORTANT DATES

- 30 March 2021: Submission of Abstracts due.
- 01 April 2021: Decision on abstracts announced
- 25 April 2021: Full Papers are submitted.
- 25-28 April 2021: Registration for the Conference.
- 29 -30 April 2021: Conference

We expect well-researched papers with clear methodological and theoretical standings of not less than 5,000 words from participants who may write individually or jointly based on the guidelines at www.tandfonline.com/rncr. Kindly send abstracts in line with any or some of the above sub-themes. The abstract should include keywords and short bio(s) of the author(s) with all totaling 300 words maximum. For questions with the paper submission, please contact: tncr.special@gmail.com or havilahglo14@gmail.com

Conference Fees: Nigerian Participants: N10000 ; International Participants: \$100 USD

Publication: Papers presented at the conference will be peer-reviewed for possible publication in accredited journals and Edited Books by reputable publishers

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