



Call for Papers

Themes in Ibibio History and Historiography: Essays in Honour of Professor Monday Effiong Noah

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Justification

In recent times, interests and studies on Ibibio history have increased markedly. Monday Effiong Noah was one of the few scholars that gave energy and direction to contemporary interest in Ibibio history. He stands tall among other scholars and historians on Ibibio history. Sieving through the fast weight-gaining Ibibio historiography, Noah's contribution remains arguably exceptional and intellectually distinctive. Very few will disagree with the assertion that Noah was to Ibibio history what Afigbo was to Igbo history. Indeed, very few scholars ventured into Ibibio history and left a bold imprint like Noah who approached Ibibio history with intellectual capacity and academic stamina. Noah carried out indepth empirical research on the Ibibio under unusually difficult conditions defined by the climate of opinion on Ibibio history during his time. Some of his books include: *Ibibio Pioneers in Modern Nigeria*; *Old Calabar: The City States and the Europeans, 1800-1885*; and *Proceedings of the Ibibio Union*. His pioneering study on Slave Trade in Old Calabar took him to Portugal, Spain and the Americas where he made staggering findings on the number game, beyond Eurocentric permutations. His position on the Ibibio origin of the Efik did not only polarise scholars into two mutually opposed schools in the University of Calabar, Nigeria, but also attracted the attention of the Palace in Council of the Obong of Calabar. In his lifetime, sponsored publications were released by non-historians to counter Noah's position, and by extension, misinform scholars that were interested in Efik history. Few years after Noah's death, a detailed and comprehensive confirmation of the Uruan origin of the Efik was published and interestingly endorsed and recommended by the current Obong of Calabar, thus giving Monday Noah a posthumous acknowledgement of his trailblazing contribution. This call for papers is designed to attract scholarly discussion on Ibibio history and historiography, in a devoted attempt to extend the frontiers of knowledge in the field hitherto consolidated by Monday Noah.

Scope of the Book

Scholars from various disciplines in the humanities and social sciences are invited to submit well researched papers for publication in the book along the lines of the following subthemes:

- ✓ Monday Effiong Noah and Ibibio Historiography
- ✓ The Ibibio Historiography after Noah
- ✓ Ibibio Traditions of Origin
- ✓ Chieftaincy Institutions in Ibibioland
- ✓ Ibibio Pre-colonial History
- ✓ Ibibio Under Colonial Rule
- ✓ Post-colonial Ibibio History
- ✓ Women in Ibibio History
- ✓ The Missionary Enterprise in Ibibioland
- ✓ Ibibio Political History
- ✓ Ibibio Economic History
- ✓ Ibibio Social History
- ✓ Traditional Fraternities in Ibibioland
- ✓ Ibibio Historians
- ✓ Governance in Ibibioland
- ✓ Traditional Sports in Ibibioland

All book chapters will go through a double blind review process. Contributors should ensure that their chapters are original and not recycled. Chapters should endeavour to make objective and significant contributions to updating our knowledge on the cause, effect, changes, continuities and contingencies evident in Ibibio history as well as Professor Monday Noah's contributions to Ibibio history. Furthermore, manuscripts turned in for submission should not be published already or under consideration for publication by any other books or journals.

Interested contributors are kindly requested to submit their chapter title(s) accompanied by a comprehensive introduction, research outlay and a short author(s) biography by April 23, 2016 to ubongumoh@uniuyo.edu.ng. Prospective authors will be notified about the status of their chapters by May 15, 2015. Completed chapters which must not exceed a maximum of 10000 words, should be in English (British) and submitted in Microsoft Word format, Century Gothic, 10 font by August 30, 2016 or at an earlier date to ubongumoh@uniuyo.edu.ng