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Report: Islamic Protest, Terrorism and Security in Africa

Team meeting and presentations at

Media & Terrorism 2019 Conference University of Toronto Oct 30 - Nov 1

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Research partners from the SSHRC funded project, *Islamic Protest, Terrorism and Security in Africa* (IPTSA) at the University of Ottawa, University of Toronto and York University organized and hosted the 2019 Conference, "Terrorism & Media in Africa: Issues, Policies and Challenges". The conference was hosted at Elmsley Hall at the University of Toronto from October 30th to 31st of 2019, and members of the research partnership met on the following Friday, November 1st to discuss issues of importance to the project. This conference was organized by Professor Alexie Tcheuyap, Vice Dean, Faculty, Academic Life & Equity at the University of Toronto, and Professor Abdoulaye Gueye, Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ottawa. It very expertly addressed issues surrounding the various ways in which media plays a role in framing the narrative of events and organizations in conflict, and explored how various players within conflicts have used different forms of public media to either express their ideologies, promote ideas, or portray their opposition, beyond the generally understood role of fact reporting.

The conference was very well received by those in attendance, and sparked many lively discussions in both French and English. Historians, researchers, and interested parties from many disciplines such as journalism, communications and political sciences were present to hear the various paper presentations and research projects ongoing around Africa as well as media narratives surrounding India and Kashmir which provided opportunities for comparison and reflection. From the IPTSA project, those who attended included Alexie Tcheuyap, of University of Toronto, Abdoulaye Gueye of University of Ottawa, Paul Lovejoy from York University, Chetima Melchisedek, Banting fellow at York University, Jennifer Lofkrantz from the American University of Nigeria (AUN), Feisal Farah, also from AUN, as well as graduate and research assistants from York University, Bruno Véras, Leidy Alpízar and research assistant Ian Hood, also from York University. It should be noted, that while very well attended, some presenters were well missed at the conference due to circumstances beyond their control, and attendees extend well wishes to William Hansen of AUN and Ahmadou Sehou from l'Université de Maroua. At this event, team members were also able to welcome assistance from interested parties Mohammed Bashir Salau of the University of Mississippi, Aboubakar Dakuyo of the University of Ottawa, and Brice Stéphane Ondigui Avele of l'Université de Yaoundé II.

October 30
Day one of the conference began at 9AM in Charbonnel Lounge in Elmsley Hall, with welcoming remarks from Professor Anne-Marie Brousseau, Chair of the Department of French Studies at the University of Toronto. Professor Brousseau welcomed all in attendance and thanks went out to all of the researchers presenting at the conference as well as organizers for their hard work in making the event a reality. She recognized the great distances that many attendees and presenters alike travelled to be part of the event and left the audience with hopes for a successful conference. Alexie Tcheuyap then introduced himself and the first panel of the day, for which he acted as Chair.

The first panel included Martin Klein and Armelle Cressent, who were introduced to the audience by Alexie Tcheuyap, who outlined their respective works and positions, and informed those in attendance that this would be a bilingual panel in both English and French. The theme of this panel was of historical perspectives surrounding terrorism.

Martin Klein, University of Toronto Department of History
"Is Terror an 'ism': Some Historical Fundamentals" - A reflection on the usage of the word terrorism to describe organizations whose ideals and ideologies are not that of "terror". While an organization is committed to their own ideals of politics, social structure, or religion, they are not committed to terror itself. This notion and the notion that terrorist members cannot be rehabilitated are social constructions intended to promote political interests.

Armelle Cressent, École des Hautes Études en Science Sociales (EHESS), Paris
"*Les populations civiles en Afrique: angle mort de l'histoire africaniste*" - An analysis of the differences in portrayal of resistance or terrorism through internal or colonial media sources and the practice of defining populations to legitimize forms of governance over such groups.

This morning session generated very lively discussion, with much of the audience receptive to these ideas of framing stories to suit forms of governance and to further policies of authority. The afternoon session began after a brief lunch, with a panel combining the second and third scheduled panels due to travel difficulties experienced by researchers that could not attend. This combined panel was a bilingual panel consisting of Mohammed Bashir Salau, Aboubacar Dakuyo and Brice Stéphane Ondigui Avele, who spoke on media coverage of Boko Haram, and the challenges of delivering information through forms of media.

Mohammed Bashir Salau, Arch Dalrymple III Department of History, University of Mississippi.
"*Some Observations on Sahara Reporter's Coverage of the Boko Haram Insurgency*" - An examination of the coverage of Boko Haram by Sahara Reporters, and comparison to international coverage of same. This paper covered concepts of specific use of language, selective coverage of events or statistics, or the generalization of terms and ideas to gain support for specific positions.

Aboubakar Dakuyo, PhD Candidate in Law, Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa.
"Le droit à l'information à épreuve de la lutte antiterroriste au Burkina Faso: quel arrimage harmonieux entre protection des libertés publiques et stabilité du pays?*"* - An examination of the rights of expression in the media in contrast to concepts of national and international security in the case of Burkina Faso.

Brice Stéphane Ondigui Avele, Associate Research Fellow, Université de Yaoundé II.
"*Terrorisme et médias en Afrique: la protection des sources à l'épreuve de la lutte contre l'extrémisme violent dans l'État postcolonial"* - On freedoms of expression and the press within Africa and the role that reporters might play in the fight against extremism. It is also an examination of who controls how stories are portrayed in post-colonial times.

October 31
Day 2 of the conference opened shortly after 9AM. Abdoulaye Gueye provided welcoming remarks to an attentive audience and explained the revised schedule of the day's panellists. Due to unavoidable circumstances, some presenters were unable to come to the conference. Regards to those unable to attend.
The first speakers of the day were Feisal Farah, whose presented work revolved around the use of online social media and online magazines by Al-Shabaab in East Africa, and Serge Banyongen who discussed the changing roles of social media and terrorist organizations.

Feisal Farah, Faculty - School of Arts & Science, American University of Nigeria.
"*Al-Shabaab's 'Social Media Warfare' in Mombasa and Other Coastal Towns in Kenya*" - An exploration of the ways in which Al-Shabaab uses social media and their online magazine, "Gaidi Mtaani" to depict their conflict as heroic, and frame their organizations in manners to be attractive to youth in Kenya and other parts of East Africa. This use of online media created passion within followers and fomented anger toward non-Muslims and opponents of Al-Shabaab.

Serge Banyongen, Professor, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa.
"*Les médias sociaux et narration du terrorisme: déconstruction discursive de la représentation de Boko Haram*" - Through the use of social media, several activities are concurrently happening. Boko Haram's use of social media has been to deny the legitimacy of opponents and "winning the heart and mind" of followers. Social media has been an attractive asset to terrorism due to its delocalized and anonymous nature, however it can become open to anti-terrorism tools such as opinion detection and sentiment analysis. The evolution of media formats was also explored, from CD's and video, to Youtube and the use of hashtags, as well as differences between Boko Haram and ISWA strategies.

The afternoon sessions consisted of speaker, Nidhi Panwar who was able to provide comparative research by exploring narratives surrounding the events in Kashmir and India in 2016, and a panel of Jennifer Lofkrantz, Sokhna Fatou Seck and George Dougueli rounded off the day with talks on the state of Boko Haram and ISWA, media recounts of attacks in Sub-Sahara, and counter-terrorism in media respectively.

Nidhi Panwar, PhD Candidate, Political Science & South Asian Studies, University of Toronto.
"*The Killing of a Militant: Political Narratives in Kashmir and India*" - By examining the events surrounding the killing of Burhan Wani, and the framing of events in media stories, Panwar explores how media is used by each side of this conflict in promoting their agenda and disparaging the other as "militant insurrectionist" or oppressive authority.

Jennifer Lofkrantz, Associate Professor, School of Arts & Sciences, American University of Nigeria.
"*Radio, TV and Local Civilian Response to the Boko Haram Crisis in Yola Nigeria*" - An examination of the various 'official histories' of Boko Haram that have been created through media, and a collection of oral histories to further comprehend extant understandings of Islam and its use in recruiting youth.

Sokhna Fatou Seck, Research Professor, Sciences de l'Information et de la Communication, Université Gaston Berger.
"*Représentations médiatiques des attentats en Afrique subsaharienne*" - Further examination of the media representations of conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa and evaluation of its autonomy from either side of conflicts in generating multimodal perspectives and accessing a global information network.

Georges Dougueli, Journalist, Jeune Afrique.
"*Recueillir et traiter linformation en zone de guerre contre le terrorisme: le cas de Cameroun et du Nigeria face à Boko Haram*" - A recounting of experiences with Boko Haram in areas within both Nigeria and Cameroon and the ways in which collected information is processed to tell stories, from the viewpoint of a journalist.

This final panel closed the presentations for the 2019 Media & Terrorism Conference. Some final thoughts on the evolving role of the media, and a recognition of the many different works of presenters and attendees, both academic and otherwise was voiced by Chetima Melchisedek. Chetima Melchisedek was introduced to those in attendance as having been recently appointed to take on a

leadership role within the partnership project, *Islamic Protest, Terrorism and Security in Africa,* which had played a role in developing a partnership of researchers across several African and North American countries, many of whom had travelled to Toronto for this conference. Thanks went out to the many people involved in the IPTSA project, presenters who shared their works over the previous two days, and especially those who had been key organizers of this event, Alexie Tcheuyap and Abdoulaye Gueye. The IPTSA project is in its partnership development stages and events such as this conference play important roles in developing relationships between researchers and the Media & Terrorism in Africa Conference was very successful in growing existing knowledge networks as well as creating new opportunities for collaborations and partnerships.

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Media & Terrorism in Africa
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International Conference | Colloque international

Media and Terrorism in Africa
Issues, Policies and Challenges

Médias et terrorisme en Afrique
Enjeux, politiques et défis

October 30 and 31, 2019
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30 et 31 octobre 2019

Charbonnel Lounge
Elmsley Hall
University of Toronto
81 St. Mary St.
Toronto

Organizers ~ Organisateurs
Abdoulaye Gueye, University of Ottawa
Paul Lovejoy, York University
Alexie Tcheuyap, University of Toronto

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12:30-13:30 Lunch ~ Déjeuner

Panel 4 ~ Session 4
Boko Haram, again ~ Boko Haram, encore
Chair ~ Président: Modeste Mba Talla, University of Ottawa

13:30-15:00
Médias sociaux et narration du terrorisme : déconstruction discursive de la représentation de Boko Haram
Serge Banyongen, University of Ottawa

Radio, TV, and the Local Civilian Response to the Boko Haram Crisis in Yola Nigeria
Jennifer Lofkrantz, American University of Nigeria

Yan Gora: Street Thugs or Patriots? The Civilian Joint Task Force, Civil War and Boko Haram
Bill Hansen, American University of Nigeria

Panel 5 ~ Session 5
Terrorisme et pratique journalistique ~ Terrorism and Journalistic Practice
Chair ~ Président: Elvis Nouemsi Njike, University of Toronto

15:15-16:30
Reporting Terrorism in West Africa: Between Public Interest and National Security
Sheriff Bojang Jr, Freelance Journalist (West Africa Democracy Radio, RFI, Radio Netherlands Worldwide, Bandjul, Gambia)

Recueillir et traiter l'information en zone de guerre contre le terrorisme : le cas du Cameroun et du Nigeria face à Boko Haram
George Dougueli, Journalist (Jeune Afrique, Paris)

16:30
Closing Remarks ~ Discours de clôture
Abdoulaye Gueye & Paul Lovejoy

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9:00 — Registration and coffee – inscription et café

9:30 — Welcome remarks – Mots de bienvenue.
Prof. **Anne-Marie Brousseau,** Chair / directrice,
Department of French Studies / Département d'études françaises,
University of Toronto

Panel 1 – Session 1 — Historical Perspectives – Perspectives historiques
Chair – Président : Alexie Tcheuyap, University of Toronto

9:45-10:45 — Is Terror an 'Ism': Some Historical Fundamentals
Martin Klein, University of Toronto

Les populations civiles en Afrique : angle mort de l'histoire africaniste
Armelle Cressent, École des Hautes Études en Science Sociales (EHESS), Paris

Panel 2 – Session 2 — Boko Haram in Nigeria – Boko Haram au Nigéria
Chair – Président : Paul Lovejoy, York University

11:00-12:30 — Is Nigerian Media in Sync with the Country's Counterterrorism Efforts?
Legend Asueline, University of Johannesburg and **Abimabola Adekoye,** University of South Africa

Some observation on Sahara Reporter's Coverage of the Boko Haram Insurgency
Mohammed Bashir Salau, University of Mississippi

12:30-14:00 — Lunch – Déjeuner

Panel 3 – Session 3 — Terrorism and Challenges of Information – Terrorisme et défis de l'information
Chair – Présidente : Armelle Cressent, EHESS, Paris

14:00-15:30 — Le droit à l'information à l'épreuve de la lutte antiterroriste au Burkina Faso : quel arrimage harmonieux entre protection des libertés publiques et stabilité du pays?
Aboubacar Dakuyo, University of Ottawa

Terrorisme et médias en Afrique : la protection des sources à l'épreuve de la lutte contre l'extrémisme violent dans l'État postcolonial
Brice Stéphane Ondigui Avele, Université de Yaoundé II

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Panel 1 – Session 1 — Terrorism, Media and the Law ~ Terrorisme, médias et législations
Chair – Président : Bill Hansen, American University of Nigeria

9:00-10:00 — Médias et terrorisme en Afrique centrale : lorsque la loi anti-terroriste terrorise les journalistes au Cameroun
Modeste Talla, University of Ottawa

Boko Haram, expression politique et liberté des médias : la loi camerounaise contre le terrorisme et ses implications politico-médiatiques
Ahmadou Sehou, Université de Maroua

Panel 2 – Session 2 — In Africa and Elsewhere I ~ En Afrique et ailleurs I
Chair – Président : Abdoulaye Gueye, University of Ottawa

10:00-11:00 — La médiatisation chrétienne du terrorisme islamiste africain
Stéphane Bratosin, Université de Grenoble

Relations entre médias et terrorisme au Sahel : le cas de l'espace du Liptako-Gourma
Amadou Liman Boukari, Université de Niamey

Panel 3 – Session 3 — In Africa and Elsewhere II ~ En Afrique et ailleurs II
Chair – Président : Ahmadou Sehou, University of Maroua

11:00-12:30 — Représentations médiatiques des attentats en Afrique subsaharienne
Sokhna Fatou Seck, Universités Gaston Berger et Laval

The Killing of a Militant: Political Narratives in Kashmir and India
Nidhi Panwar, University of Toronto

Al-Shabaab's 'Social Media Warfare' in Mombasa and Other Coastal Towns in Kenya
Feisal Farah, American University of Nigeria

APPENDIX B

Islamic Protest, Terrorism and Security in Africa
Project Members Meeting @ York University, Toronto
Meeting Minutes - November 1, 2019

On the morning following the Media & Terrorism in Africa conference, team members from IPTSA met to discuss research and team business. This, the third meeting of team members, was held at the Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas, a research centre at York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Objective:
The objective of this third meeting was to further develop the research network IPTSA within the context of the project, and to discuss potential 'next steps' for the direction of the project and ways in which it might expand and better include and benefit from its member partnerships.

In Attendance:

- Chetima Melchisedek, Paul Lovejoy, Alexie Tcheuyap, Jennifer Lofkrantz, Feisal Farah, Bruno Véras, Ian Hood, Bashir Salau, Brice Stéphane Ondigui, Aboubakar Dakuyo
- Joining via Skype: Abdoulaye Gueye

Opening Remarks:
Opening remarks were provided by Paul Lovejoy, who welcomed all of those in attendance and making introductions around the table to those who were not already acquainted to the group. He also introduced Bahir Salau, Brice Ondigui and Aboubakar Dakuyo, who had been invited from outside the project membership as interested parties that may be able to contribute from their various works. Those who had made international travels to attend were welcomed and thanks went to them for their efforts. Regrets and well wishes went to those who were unable to attend due to circumstances beyond their control.

Discussion Notes:

   • **Opening Comments:** A supporting document had been distributed on the previous day to those able to attend which was prepared by Ian Hood and circulated in hard-copy format (Appendix C). This document outlined some of the points of discussion which had arisen from the previous meeting as well as developing topics coming from the project goals outlined in the initial SSHRC grant application.

Recognition was given to Chetima Melchisedek's new coordinating role within the project and much deserved thanks went to Abdoulaye Gueye and Alexie Tcheuyap for the hard work which had gone into the organization of the previous two days conference.

   • **Mendeley Database:** An online library of reference material is now available to the IPTSA team members and select interested parties which is a culmination of several team member's research and respective collections of documents. This library has been collected and organized through the work of Ian Hood at York University, Feisal Farah and Emmanuel Alakunle at the American University of Nigeria. This library is intended to be fully available to team members through a Mendeley.com group invitation, and any members not currently in the group are asked to contact Ian Hood to have invitations re-sent. Non members of the team (or select parties) will be able to access a database

containing titles, authors, abstracts and several other types of meta-data describing the collection and will be asked to contact the database administration to request access to specific items.

Bruno Véras added that currently being processed for addition to this collection are a number of audio and video files of Boko Haram media material such as sermons, propaganda, and recorded violent actions. This work is being done currently by Kankara Sani and Ibrahim Abdullahi with coordinating assistance by Bruno Véras.

• **Library Additions:** Alexie Tcheuyap has recently co-authored a book in French with Hervé Tchumkam entitled *Avoir peur. Insécurité et roman en Afrique francophone* which will be added to the available titles (for database only). This book is a fiction dealing with terrorism in Africa written in French. The link has been shared with Ian Hood and will be added to the database shortly.

• **Publications:** In press, is the next publication, to include 7 articles and 2 research notes by project members, in both French and English.

Publication of the recent conference proceedings may also be soon upcoming, and available in French and English. Chetima Melchisedek offered to contact presenters from the previous CAAS Conference in Montréal to publish their works either online or in future IPTSA publications.

• **Website:** Team members were reminded of the renaming of the website to IPTSA (Islamic Protest, Terrorism and Security in Africa), the reasoning of which was to provide the flexibility to expand the project beyond the restriction of only studying Boko Haram, since it is evident that the makeup and motivations of this organization is complex and the interests of this project may likewise extend beyond geographic and single organizational restrictions.

Chetima Melchisedek has currently been developing text for the website, including biographies of each project participant. Biographies will be sent to each corresponding party to provide any corrections or updating/addition of information before final posting to the project website. He and Ian Hood have also been working on developing a framework for its final format before launch, including adding short (500-1000 word) essays written by each team member.

• **Website Essays:** Short essays will be asked of team members which should be written in lay-terms to help make the topics of interest to IPTSA accessible to the broad general public. These essays may be of many different subjects, and will provide a forward-facing entry point for the public to the project. The essays will optimally contain links to academic works by our members, for readers who gain a deeper interest, or desire deeper information. Jennifer Lofkrantz offered to contact members of her student body to provide translation services into such languages as Kanuri, Hausa, Fulani, or other common languages spoken at AUN. This will broaden the project's reach further and make it more accessible to the general public in the area of interest. Chetima Melchisedek and Ian Hood will reach out to participants for essay writings. Bashir Salau also offered to assist Chetima Melchisedek by sharing formatting websites for essays that could be used to standardize efforts.

• **Project Name:** After discussing the naming of the website, Abdoulaye Gueye (via Skype) raised the point that the naming of the research project should read Islam*ist* instead of Islam*ic* to prevent conflation between violent extremism and religious observances. All in attendance were in agreement that the naming should be reconsidered.

• **NGO Partnership:** For reasons unknown, the initial NGO partnered with IPTSA has broken contact with the project and a new NGO partnership is desirable especially for future funding applications. Criteria for new NGO partners were discussed, and the importance of the research practices of such an NGO passing ethics review boards for the various university partners was stressed.

Potential NGOs were put forward: NURU, an American NGO working in Nigeria to return displaced persons; GMZ, a German NGO working in Africa on various humanitarian projects, PAIC, a Cameroon based NGO working to develop inter-community relationships.

The type of partnership should be determined, ie: what can IPTSA offer an NGO, and what can IPTSA expect from the NGO?

Jennifer Lofkrantz and Feisal Farah offered to look into appropriate NGOs, local to the area that may be interested in partnerships and contact the group.

   • **Team Communications:** Due to past difficulties in communications, Ian Hood suggested the creation of a listserv through York University, so that team communications can be sent to all members who sign up to the service without accidental exclusion of any members. Various members at times have reported not knowing about plans made, or discussions meant to include the entire group. A listserv will automatically message all those who are signed up for it and allow the team to avoid this. It was seen by those in attendance as a good method of sharing announcements and reports. Ian Hood will explore this further with York University.

   • **Next Conference and Meeting:** The next conference and team meeting will occur in Maroua, Cameroon in December 2020. Chetima Melchisedek will begin organization of the event with the University of Maroua. Careful planning far ahead of time was decided necessary for the success of the event so that any unexpected travel difficulties are avoided. Travel logistics may become complicated, and contact with the SSHRC and Canadian High Commission in Cameroon may be appropriate.

   • **Next Conference Planning timeline:** Alexie Tcheuyap suggested and all were in agreement that a Call For Papers should be made as soon as possible, at the latest, January 2020 so that partners and interested parties are able to make commitments to the event. 6 Months before the event, Chetima Melchisedek and Paul Lovejoy will attend the Site to finalize event setup, and the creation of a local committee was suggested, which may consist of IPTSA members, Ahmadou Sehou and François Wassouni. Chetima will contact them, and the director of l'Université de Maroua to discuss expectations and to provide official invitations to researchers for Visa applications.

Closing Remarks:
Paul Lovejoy called the meeting to a close, thanking all in attendance, and thanking those members involved in arranging meeting details and space. Special thanks went again to conference organizers, Alexie Tcheuyap and Abdoulaye Gueye and to all members who have offered to complete various tasks to move the project forward.

Tasks:
Chetima Melchisedek & Paul Lovejoy to begin work on next conference and meeting
Chetima Melchisedek & Ian Hood to continue website development efforts & contact members for essays to be included on website
Ian Hood to investigate listserv for team communications
Jennifer Lofkrantz & Feisal Farah to investigate potential local NGOs
Bruno Véras to coordinate video and audio additions to project library
Alexie Tcheuyap to investigate providing Media & Terrorism conference papers to the project library

Next Meeting Details:
To be determined. Next official meeting is expected to occur in Maroua

APPENDIX C

Islamic Protest, Terrorism and Security in Africa
Project Members Meeting @ York University, Toronto
Proposed Meeting Discussion Topics

Introduction:

The following is an informal proposal of topic for discussion toward the next steps in the project *Islamic Protest, Terrorism and Security in Africa* (formerly *Boko Haram, Islamic Protest and Terrorism in Africa*) which shall be discussed at the next meeting of project members, expected to occur during the University of Toronto conference *Media & Terrorism in Africa,* October 30 - November 1, 2019. The project was initiated in 2017 with a Partnership Grant application submitted to the Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada, which outlined the tentative roles and responsibilities of research collaborators, the questions and goals which this project will seek to address and examples of the proposed outputs of the project. While project members are listed in Appendix A, the following two tables reflect excerpts from the grant application text. The full text of the grant application is attached as Appendix B for review purposes.

Project Questions & Goals
• Examining why Boko Haram is limited to the Chad Lake Basin area rather than a global phenomenon as ISIS & Al Queda
• Examining the substitution of foreign military for domestic security.
• Understanding the links between international intervention and globalized violence (ie: would US or EU military intervention cause more globalized violence from the area?)

Desired Project Outputs
• Creation of an archive/database for use by research collaborators, policy makers and other intersted parties
• Position paper(s) on current policies
• Tubman & Africa World Press publications; Conference proceedings; Canadian Journal of African Studies - special issue
• Interactive website; expanded since proposal creation
• Teaching aids (audio formats, podcasts)

From these goals, several points of discussion can be extrapolated and the steps involved in achieving these goals can be developed and concreted. Additionally, new topics of interest and importance have arisen or been identified in the time since the initial application and are reflected in reports from the two conferences in Yola, Nigeria and Montreal, Canada, and the minutes taken during project member meetings at each.

Islamic Protest, Terrorism & Security in Africa
Potential Topics for Discussion

Project coordination

Governance & Structure

Communication

Reporting

Website development

Partner Biographies
Much of the biographical information we currently have on the website is outdated. Each member should take a moment to complete a brief (~350 word) description of themselves for the website and for future communications.

For consistency, it may include:
Full name, current position(s) held, institution(s);
Description of current work, historic works;
Description of role in IPTSA project;

Short Thematic Essays
To gain a measure of public engagement, we have discussed including a series of short essays (1000 word) on various themes and topics revolving around the IPTSA project, current events, or related works being completed by the members. Essays would be relatively short and written for a very broad audience, and can link to expanded works to maintain public attention.
These essays could be featured on the website frontpage on a rotating basis and may include photographs, graphics, links to other works, or audio/video works. If possible, they could be translated into several languages to increase accessibility.

Archival services
The collection of research materials to this point has been archived and collected into a database on Mendeley. The pieces in this collection have been given meta-data so that it be sorted and filtered by many different criteria (ie: author, date of publication, type of publication, keywords, etc...). For the moment, this database is only accessible by IPTSA members and select researchers but will be published on the website so that researchers and interested parties are able to access the listing and contact the database managers for full access. This will increase our visibility and engagement with the academic community.

Blog
A news-style blog with rotating and updated stories will be attached to the main website. This will act as a public-facing newsletter for IPTSA and will welcome articles written by any project members. On a semi-regular basis, entries for the blog will be created to maintain pace with current events, but may include not only topics of terrorism, but inter-disciplinary stories, artistic works or reposts of current news stories.

Public Dissemination Efforts

Conferences

To date, conference reports have been circulated internally, with the most recent report created for the CAAS Conference in Montreal, Canada. In the future, conference participation may increase and widen into broader disciplines related to African history, and Public policy.

Future conferences specific to IPTSA such as the first conference in Yola, Nigeria will be planned.

Maroua, Cameroun will be the next location for team meeting, and conference?

For future conferences hosted by IPTSA, structures may be put into place to publish proceedings. (ie: panels and lectures recorded or transcribed, abstracts submitted, photography)

Academic Publications

Part of the goals outlined in the SSHRC application includes publication of project results in Tubman Press, Africa World Press, and The Canadian Journal of African Studies - Special Issue.

Non-Academic Publications

Website essays

Public (Non-Academic) Events

Community Outreach Initiatives

Podcasts??

Research

Relevant topics

Partnership development

Networking

Internal networking events

Partnership development with NGOs

Partnership development with Government agencies

Other stakeholders

Funding

Current Grant requirements? research goals from application?

Next SSHRC Grant and other funding sources

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