

Professional Activities

JOHN O. IFEDIORA

Professional Summary

Distinguished economist and legal expert with expertise in applied economics, legal analysis, cybersecurity, public policy analysis, and national economic development strategy. Substantial experience as chair of an academic unit, director of think-tanks, and consultant to various state and federal governments of developing countries, nonprofit organizations, universities, financial institutions, and international agencies.

Education:

Ph.D., Development Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ph.D., Economics/Public Policy Analysis, University of Illinois at Chicago
Juris Doctor (J.D), University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School
M.St., (Law), University of Oxford
M.A., The University of Chicago
M.S., University of Cambridge
M.Sc., Quantitative Economics, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago
M.S., Cybersecurity, University of Maryland
B.A., Economics/Business Administration, Dakota Wesleyan University
Post-Graduate Studies in Economics, London School of Economics

Areas of Expertise:

Statistical and Econometric impact studies of public policy
International Law, Business Law, Cybersecurity Policy
Development Economics/International Trade
Law and Economics
Public Policy Analysis

Positions in Academia:

Visiting Professor of Economics, New York University (Fall, 2020).
Visiting Professor, American University, Washington, DC (2018 – Present).
Professor of Economics (with tenure), University of Wisconsin System (May, 2018).
Adjunct Professor, University of Maryland (2021)

Professor of Economics and Chair, (with tenure), University of Wisconsin-Platteville (2003 - 2018).

Visiting Professor of Economics, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (2023)

Visiting Professor, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, (2005).

Visiting Professor, Governors State University, University Park, Illinois, (2004).

Consultancy

Dakota Wesleyan University Offices in Nairobi and Abuja (2019).

-Established and directed two of the university's locations in Africa.

American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC (2019).

- Consultant on the center's Young Scholars' Program.

The World Bank, Washington, DC (2019).

-Consultant on its Human Capital Project.

Dakota Wesleyan University (2018 –2020).

-Member of Board of Trustees

Central Bank of Nigeria (2007).

- Economic consultant

Federal Government of Nigeria (2012).

- Expert consultant on International Human Rights Law and National Security to the ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Exxon-Mobil Corporation oil exploration (2008-2009).

- Economic impact consultant

American Bar Association (2004 –2010).

- Advisory panelist on immigration law

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (2007).

- Economic Consultant (with Dr. Israelevich)

State of Wisconsin Tax-Impact Study (2003 - 2004)

- Senior Economist

Leadership Positions

Director, Center for Applied Public Policy, University of Wisconsin-Platteville (2004)

President, Council on African Security and Development, Washington, DC (2014 – Present) www.casade.org

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

-Vice Chair, Faculty Senate

Mobile Medics for Africa (2004 – 2012).

- Founder and Director

Attorney at Law (2003- 2015)

- Admitted to Wisconsin State Bar, June, 2003; provided legal representations on civil and criminal cases, handled cases for indigent clients on pro bono basis, and provided legal counsel to nonprofit organizations.

Publications

Books:

1. Ifediora John O. Sources of Economic Underdevelopment in Nigeria and Proposed Remedies, UMI, Ann Arbor, Mich., 2012.
2. Ifediora, John O. Nigeria's Quarrels with Economics and Good Governance: An Exemplar of How Not to Govern a Nation-State, Barnes & Nobles Press, 2025.
3. Ifediora, John O. An Intersection of Culture, Religion and Human Rights, Barnes & Noble Press, 2025.
4. Ifediora, Mankiw, Lieberman, Hall. Economics: Principles and Analysis; Thomson South-Western Publishing, Mason, Ohio, 2006.
5. Ifediora, Hall, Lieberman. Microeconomics; Thomson South-Western Publishing, Mason, Ohio, 2010.
Ifediora John O. Test Bank to accompany Economics Today by Roger L. Miller; Addison Wesley Longman, New York, 2008.
6. Ifediora John O. Price Theory: A Microeconomic Analysis of Markets; Ginn Press, Needham Heights, MA, 2006
7. Ifediora John O. Contributed to the 2nd edition of "Statistics for Business and Economics" by Ingram and Monks; Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York, 2005
8. Ifediora John O. Interpretation of Business and Economic Data: Study guide for a course in statistics, University of Wisconsin-Platteville Publication, 2004
9. Ifediora John O. The Impact of the Illinois State Lottery on the Economy of Chicago; University Microfilms International, Ann Arbor, 2003
10. Ifediora John O. The Essentials of Economic Analysis; (with Primack, Willis), Ginn Press, Needham Heights, MA, 2002.

Articles:

1. Ifediora, John O. "Weak And Marginalized Social And Legal Institutions: An Explanation of the Irony of Poverty and Economic Underperformance in Resource-Rich Countries," MPRA, June, 2012.
2. Ifediora, John O. "A Contextual Approach to Development in sub-Saharan Africa," Policy Perspective, Vol.6, No. 4, Oct., 2010.
3. Ifediora, John O. "The Global Financial System and National Economies: A Conflation of Two Economic Doctrines," Conference proceedings of the Central Bank of Nigeria, May, 2009.

4. Ifediora, John O. "A Human Rights Approach to Bureaucratic Corruption," *Journal of Policy Studies*, Vol. 25, Sept. 2008.
5. Ifediora, John O. "Subjection of African Women: The Consequences on Economic Development," *EconPapers*, RePEc. No. 26559, Munich, University, 2008.
6. Ifediora, John O. "Female Genital Circumcision and International Human Rights: A Clash of Cultures," *EconPapers*, RePEc. No. 27842, Munich University, 2007.
7. Ifediora, John O. "The Effects of Bureaucratic Corruption on Economic Development: The Case of sub-Saharan Africa," *Journal of Economic Indicators*, Vol. 11. No.2, June, 2005.
8. Ifediora, John O. "Universal Human Rights and Cultural Relativism: A Marriage of Inconvenience" *Policy Perspective*, Vol.3, Issue 1, Nov. 2004.
9. Ifediora, John O. "The Sovereignty of Nations: When is it Proper to Derogate the Norm of Nonintervention?" *Policy Perspective*, Vol. 2, Issue 1, Oct., 2003.
10. Ifediora, John O. "The Universal Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court and the US National Interest: An Issue of Incompatibility," *Policy Perspective*, Vol. 1, Issue I, May, 2002.
11. Ifediora, John O. "The Employment Retirement Income Security Act: An Unkindly Illusion," *Policy Perspective*, Vol. 1, Issue II, April, 2003.
12. Ifediora, John O. "Telecommunication As a Solution to the Chronic Urban Traffic Congestion in Developing Countries: The Case of Lagos, Nigeria," *African Journal of Behavioural Sciences*, Vol. 24, July, 2001.
13. Ifediora, John O. "The State Lottery: Recent Evidence of its Allocative and Distributive Effects," published in Ifediora, J., *Price Theory: A Microeconomic Analysis of Markets*; Ginn Press, Needham Heights, MA, 2004
14. Ifediora, John O. "Religion As A Source of Social Neurosis in Times of Collective Stress," *Development & Security Matters*, Vol. II, pp 5-12 July, 2014, CASADE Publications.
15. Ifediora, John O. "A Critical Assessment of The Popularity And Longevity of The Blood Libel Legend," *Current Affairs*, Vol. III, pp 24-42, Nov. 2014, CASADE Publications.
16. Ifediora John O. "How Rational is The Notion of Self-Interest in Neo-Classical Economics?" *Journal of Policy Analysis*, Vol. XI, pp 12-23, April, 2014.

17. Ifediora John O. "The Looting of A National Treasure: Oil Wells For Nigeria's Elites While The Rest Go Wanting," Current Affairs, Vol. IV. pp 10-36, March 2015, CASADE Publications.
18. Ifediora John O. "Creation of More States In Nigeria Is A Bad Idea: Just Ask The Unemployed Millions," Development & Security Matters, Vol. V, pp 15-30, June 2015, CASADE Publications.
19. Ifediora John O. "To Bribe Or Not To Bribe? That Should No Longer be The Question In Nigeria," Current Affairs, Vol. VII. pp 3-14, Dec. 2015, CASADE Publications.
20. Ifediora John O. "How Useful Are The Millennium Development Goals And Sustainable Development Goals To The Developing World?" Development & Security Matters, Vol. VII. pp 11-32, Nov. 2015, CASADE Publications.
21. Ifediora John O. "The Presence of Foreign Troops In Africa's Largest Economy Is Comforting And Yet Humiliating," Current Affairs, Vol. VI. pp 22-37, August 2015,

CASADE Publications.

1. Ifediora John O. "To What Extent Does Economic Dependence Inform The Anachronistic Practice of female Genital Circumcision In Africa?" Academic Papers, Vol. III. pp 21-45, May 2015, CASADE Publications.
2. Ifediora John O. "Africa Also Pollutes; But Governments And Foreign Firms Are The Offending Parties," Current Affairs, Vol. VII, pp 15-28, Dec. 2015, CASADE Publications.
3. Ifediora John O. "Underemployment In Africa; A Great Deal Of The fault Lies Outside The Continent," Academic Papers, Vol. vii, pp 17-33, Jan. 2016, CASADE Publications.
4. Ifediora John O. "UN Millennium Development Goals: Good Intentions With Bad Consequences," Development & Security Matters, Vol. X. pp. 9-27, April 2016, CASADE Publications.
5. Ifediora John O. "Industrialization And Economic Growth In Africa" Academic Papers, Vol. xii pp 10-32, Sept. 2016, CASADE Publications.
6. Ifediora John O. "The Petrolization of Nigeria's Economy And Her Current Discontent," Development & Security Matters, Vol. xv pp 3-15, March 2017, CASADE Publications.
7. Ifediora John O. "Judaism And Economic Development: Can Africans Benefit From Jewish Exceptionalism In Secular Existence?" Academic Papers, Vol. xv pp 21-35, 2017, CASADE Publications.

Monographs:

1. "Shoah: An Analysis of Lanzmann's Holocaust Memorialization," Position Papers, University of Cambridge Program on JCR, August, 2013.
2. "The Blood Libel Legend: Its Longevity and Popularity," Position Papers, University of Cambridge Program on JCR, March, 2013.
3. "The Significance of Hermeneutical Developments in Christian Exegesis for Jewish-Christian Relations," Position Papers, University of Cambridge Program on JCR, July, 2013.
4. "Do Fair Wages in the Public Sector Minimize the Incidence of Bureaucratic Corruption?" Center for Applied Public Policy Working Paper Series, April, 2010.
5. "Subjection of a Social Group, and the Consequent Effects on Legal Theory, Self-Identity, and Social Productivity," Conference Proceedings, 31st International Congress of Law and mental Health, New York University, July, 2009.
7. "The Natural Resource Curse And Choice of Governance: The African Experience," Center for Applied Public Policy Working Paper Series, Sept., 2009.
8. "The Trauma of Female Genital Circumcision and Universal Human Rights," Conference Proceedings, 30th International Congress of Law and Mental Health, University of Padua, Italy, July, 2007.
9. "United Nations' Millennium Development Goals: Good Intentions with Bad Consequences," Center for Applied Public Policy Working Paper Series, August, 2007.
10. "On What Moral Or Philosophical Grounds Do We Justify Human Rights?" Center for Applied Public Policy Working Paper Series, Nov. 2007.
11. "The Bhagavad Gita and Economic Development in India: A Magnificent Contradiction." Center for Applied Public Policy Working Paper Series, March, 2006.
12. "A Cosmological odyssey: From the Geocentric Period to the era of Superstring theory." Center for Applied Public Policy Working Paper Series, May, 2006.
13. "Hinduism in the Indian Sub-continent: Can it be sustained absent the caste system?" Center for Applied Public Policy Working Paper Series, February, 2005.

14. "Replaying the tape of Life: Is the Prospect of Human Intelligence Assured or Vanishingly Small in the Evolutionary Process," Center for Applied Public Policy Working Paper Series, March, 2005.
15. "The death Penalty in the US: A Vestige of the Uncivilized Past." Center for Applied Public Policy Working Paper Series, April, 2004.

Summits, Conferences and Seminars:

1. Seminar on International risks of Militant Insurgency, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, DC, March 8, 2019. Invited Speaker.
2. Seminar on National Security, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, April 18, 2019. Invited speaker
3. US State Dept. African Women Leaders: Promoting Peace and Security Summit, Institute of International Education, Washington, DC, Oct. 10, 2018. Invited Speaker.
4. Peace and Security Summit, African Union Mission, Washington, DC, September 18, 2018. Invited speaker.
5. Africa Trade and Investment Global Summit 2018, Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, Washington DC, June 24-26, 2018. Speaker/Panelist.
6. Divinely Divided: Christianity and Islam Coexist in Nigeria. Council on Foreign Relations, Washington DC, June 21, 2018. Panelist.
7. Watershed Leadership Transition in Africa: How Societies Prepare for Change. Council on Foreign Relations, Washington DC, June 12, 2018. Panelist.
8. US-Africa Energy Summit 2017, Madison, Wisconsin; Sept. 18-19, 2017 (Convener as Director of Council on African Security and Development). 6th Nigeria Alternative Energy Conference, Abuja, Nigeria; Oct. 19-21, 2016 (Invited Speaker).
9. 2nd African Development And Investment Convention, Kloten, Zurich, Switzerland; Oct.20-21, 2016 (Invited Speaker)
10. Nigeria Summit on National Security 2016, Abuja, Nigeria; May 24-26, 2016. (Convener as Director of the Council on African Security And Development).
11. British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) debate on Nigeria's Readiness to Lead Africa, Abuja, Nigeria; June 26, 2014. (Invited speaker).
12. Ist International Conference on African Economic Development; featuring two Nobel Laureates in economics as keynote speaker. Covenant University, Nigeria, May 5-6, 20014. (Facilitator and panelist).
13. The Politics of Natural Disaster, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, March 23, 2012. (Panelist/Respondent).

14. Central Bank of Nigeria: 50th Anniversary International Conference, Abuja, March 12-15, 2009. (Invited speaker/Panelist)
15. The 31st International Congress of Law and Mental Health; New York University, July 16-18, 2009. (presenter/Panelist).
16. “Conference on Healthcare Priorities in Nigeria: Key Issues and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals” at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, October 10, 2007. (Invited speaker/Panelist).
17. The 30th International Congress of Law and Mental Health; University of Padua, Italy, June 17-20, 2007. (Presenter/Panelist).
18. Worth Publishing Economics Symposium, Chicago, Sept. 20, 2006. (Panelist)
19. The 1st Annual Conference on Environment and Development; Accra, Ghana, July 5, 2007. (Co-organizer and panelist).
20. International Conference on Infrastructure Development and the Environment; Abuja, Nigeria, Jun 12, 2006. Session moderator, and discussant.
21. Symposium: Humanitarian Intervention After 9/11; University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, March 26, 2006.
22. The International Conference on Energy, Environment and Disaster (INCEED 2005); University of North Carolina, and co-sponsored by
23. UNESCO, JICPS, and other international organizations, July 24-30, 2005; Event co-chair, and session moderator.
24. Constitution-Building in Africa post 1989; University of Wisconsin Law School, Oct 15-16, 2005; discussant.
25. Conservation, Space, and Architecture: A manifesto for the transformation of European built environment in South Africa; University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sept.15, 2005; Discussant.
26. London School of Economics Conference on International Relations, June 23, 2004: Conference discussant/Panelist.
27. American Economic Association Annual Conferences (2002, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2018, 2020): Presenter, discussant.
28. Midwest Economic Association (March 24-25, 1994): Discussant on International Economics, Session #36.
29. Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters (April 10, 2004): Discussant, and presenter: “The Sate Lottery: Recent Evidence on its Allocative and Distributive Effects.”

University Lectureship:

In over thirty years of university level lectureship I have supervised and advised hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students.

Undergraduate level Courses:

Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Money and Banking, Public Finance, Managerial Economics, Statistics, International Trade and Finance, and Comparative Economic Systems.

Graduate level Courses:

Statistics for Business and Economics, Price Theory, Advanced Macroeconomics, Business Law, Contract Law, and Econometrics.

Reviewer for:

McGraw-Hill Publishing company, text-books on Public Finance
Worth Publishing Company
International Academy for Business and Economics
Journal of Business and Economics
Journal of Policy Perspective.

In Popular Media:

1. US-Africa Energy Summit 2017; **NBC Television broadcast**, September 10, 2017
2. Professor John Ifediora and Dr. Kalu I. Kalu on Nigeria's Energy Crises, June 15, 2017; **Nigeria Broadcasting Authority (NTA Television Program).**
3. NATO Secretary-General, Anders Rasmussen and Professor John Ifediora on Nigeria Summit on National Security, May 25, 2016; **Nigeria Broadcasting Authority (NTA Television Program).**
4. Professor John Ifediora and Professor Oshita on Nigeria Summit on National Security, May 24, 2016; **Nigeria Broadcasting Authority (NTA Television Program).**
5. Professor John Ifediora on National Security and Economic Development, May 27, 2016; **Nigeria Broadcasting Authority (NTA Television Program)**
6. Confronting and Containing Threats from Terrorism and Sectarian Insurgency, May 20, 2016; **LEADERSHIP Newspaper.**
7. Boko Haram: Picking up the pieces, June 15, 2016; **DAILYSUN Newspaper.**
8. CASADE, Peace Institute hold security summit, May 12, 2016; **PEOPLES DAILY Newspaper.**
9. Rethinking Nigeria's National Security, June 20, 2016; **THISDAY Newspaper.**
10. **BBC World Service;** Debate on Nigeria's leadership Role in Africa; June 23, 2014.
11. BBC debates Nigeria's readiness to lead Africa; **The Guardian Newspaper**, July 24, 2014.

12. Can Nigeria Sustain its leadership Role in Africa? **THISDAY** Newspaper July 9, 2014.
13. Nobel Laureates Sargent and Maskin for Covenant University Economic Conference; **The Guardian** Newspaper, May 1, 2014.
14. Nobel Laureates to Grace Covenant University Conference; **THISDAY** Newspaper, April 21, 2014.

Public Service:

International summits organized to enhance economic development and national security in developing countries of Africa:

1. Conference on the State of Higher Education in Nigeria, March 12, 2020: <https://dwuabroad.org/highereducationconference/>
2. US-Africa Energy Summit 2017; September 18-19, 2017, Madison, Wisconsin <http://www.casade.org/energysummit2017/>
3. Nigeria National Security Summit; May 25-26, 2016, Abuja, Nigeria. www.casade.org/nigerianationalsecuritysummit2016/
4. International Conference on African Development (featured Nobel Laureates Thomas Sargent and Professor Maskin); May 10-11, 2014, Covenant University, Ota, Nigeria.

Awards and Grants

Wisconsin Bar Association, and the University of Wisconsin Law School: Award for highest achievement in Legal Process, Spring Semester, 2001.

Wisconsin Bar Association, and the University of Wisconsin Law School: -- Award for highest achievement in Psychiatry and Law, Fall Semester, 2002.

Scholarly Activity Improvement Fund awarded by the University of Wisconsin- Platteville:

Received four grants from this fund to support research activities, (2005, 2008, 2010 and 2015).

Endowment and continuous funding to establish the Center for Applied Public Policy at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 2006.

Grant to establish the Council on African Security and Development, 2013.

Pan African Humanitarian Award 2015, Accra, Ghana.

Award for Academic Excellence, 2017, University of Wisconsin System.

Professional Affiliations:

The American Economic Association

International Academy of Business and Economics

Western Economic Association

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters
American Bar Association
American Immigration Lawyers Association
Wisconsin Bar Association