
NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Ìrìnkèrindò: A Journal of African Migration – November 2025 Issue

It is with genuine enthusiasm that we present the latest edition of the Newsletter of Ìrìnkèrindò: A Journal of African Migration.

This scholarly, peer-reviewed online journal, founded and edited by Mojúbàolú Olúfúnké Okome, takes its title from a Yoruba word meaning the "incessant and perpetual wanderings of African peoples".

As a platform dedicated to exploring the complexities of global human mobility, this issue continues our tradition of fostering dialogue, sharing robust research, and amplifying diverse migrant narratives worldwide. Ìrìnkèrindò is committed to documenting, analyzing, and critiquing African migrations in both their contemporary and historical manifestations. The journal is housed in over 600 libraries globally.

In This Issue:
Global Migration News/Insights: Updates and analysis of contemporary international mobility trends, including shifts in labor markets and evolving demographics. The journal explores the complex, multifaceted nature of African migration, including how globalization serves as a primary motive force that controls population movements and produces contradictory consequences such as bounty and precarity. We offer insights into the brain drain phenomenon—the emigration of skilled professionals from Africa—while also examining the role and consequences of remittances sent back home. We focus on issues like African identity, the impact of race and ethnicity, and dispelling myths about Africa and immigrants.

In this newsletter you can expect:

Global Migration News

African Migration News

Call For Papers

Policy & Governance News/Reviews

Presentations



Call for Papers: We invite scholars, practitioners, and advocates to submit original research, essays, and case studies for upcoming editions. Comprehensive guidelines can be found [here](#). The journal encourages submissions by scholars who use interdisciplinary methodologies and also submissions that address migration from multiple perspectives, including the conceptual exploration and self-definition of terms such as African Identity and Diaspora. Past editions have included research on African and Black migrants and asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexican border and the heightened feminization of migration, including human trafficking and cross-border activities.

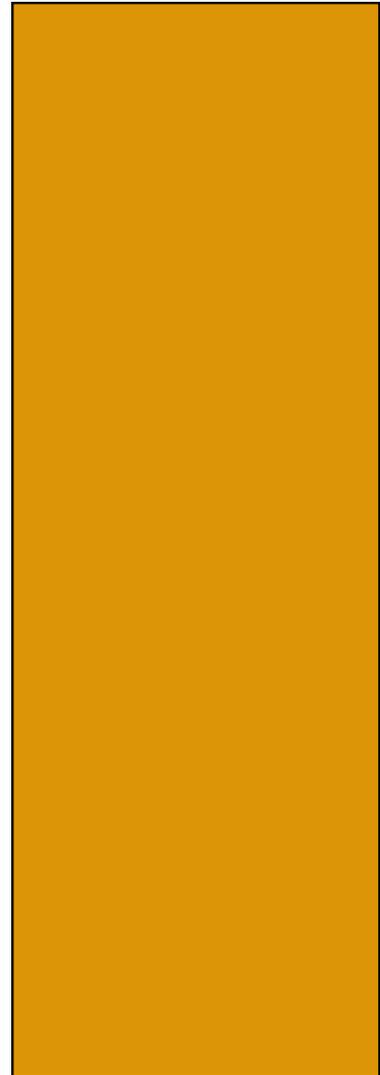
Policy & Governance News/Reviews: News and reviews on new regional migration governance frameworks and their complex implications for orderly, safe, and regular movement across borders. This includes critical analysis of Eurocentric approaches to migration management that tend to dominate policymaking in Africa.

We examine migration's consequences for both host and home countries, and the urgent need for policies that address the root causes of migration and foster inclusive practices.

Ìrinkèrindò remains committed to pushing the boundaries of migration scholarship and advancing knowledge on migration's complex socio-political, economic, and cultural dimensions.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our entire editorial team, contributors, reviewers, and readers for their support.

Mojisola Olufunke Okunne





[Trump administration plans to cut refugee admissions to a record low of 7,500](#)

[DHS Streamlines the Filing Process for Certain Agricultural Workers](#)

[Trump's immigration crackdown in Chicago has escalated, leading to public unrest](#)

[UNHCR chief says mass deportations in the US may violate international law](#)

[UN holds meeting on Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, but without them present](#)

[Trump administration admits increased immigration enforcement hurts farmers, risks higher prices](#)

[Palestinian refugees returning to Gaza face "total destruction" of their homes](#)

[DHS is attempting to deport Kilmar Abrego Garcia to Africa](#)



[Hear from Amy Pope at CMS symposium on just & humane migration policies](#)

[Pope Leo expresses solidarity with migrants, immigration advocates, in US](#)

[Europe's search and rescue bodies suspend contacts with Libyan counterpart](#)

[History of Deportation Handout](#)

[Teaching About Trump's Immigration Crackdown](#)

[Millions of lives at risk, warn UN food agencies, as hunger crisis worsens](#)

[Immigration Crackdown Spreads Through Chicago, Including Wealthy Neighborhoods](#)

[International student arrivals to the US fall by 19%](#)

[US rejects visa plea of Indian student with Columbia University scholarship, says no 'strong ties' to home country](#)

PRESENTATIONS

Virtual Event at Brooklyn College, CUNY

JA, JAPA, JAPADA: TRANSNATIONAL LINKAGES AND THE NON-HOMOTHETIC ASPIRATIONS OF NIGERIAN MIGRANTS

SPEAKER:

DR. OMOLOLA OLARINDE-OLOMOLA, ELIZADE UNIVERSITY, ILARA-MOKIN, NIGERIA.

We are pleased to share the insightful presentation:

"Ja, Japa, Japada: Transnational Linkages and the Non-Homothetic Aspirations of Nigerian Migrants"

Presented by:

Omolola Olarinde-Olomola, PhD Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Nigeria.

The conversation should engage all interested in both the Global South and immigration more generally.

Japa, a term prevalent in academic literature, captures the notion of migrating from Nigeria, primarily for economic reasons. In many studies, it connotes ideas of permanency and fleeing. However, this perspective oversimplifies migration aspirations by treating them as linear, permanent, and one-time decisions.

Drawing on the aspirations-ability framework, we argue that migration aspirations are non-linear, non-homothetic, varying by income, level of education, and gender.

This study utilises qualitative data from 46 detailed interviews conducted in Nigeria with aspiring migrants as part of the DYNAMIG study. The data were coded and analysed thematically using nodes and subnodes in NVivo software. Our findings reveal that migration aspirations among Nigerians often involve a desire to maintain transnational linkages with their country of origin.

When individuals ja (leave), they do not necessarily japa (permanently leave).

Watch the full presentation [here](#)

PRESENTATIONS



Our Presentations at the recent African Studies Association 2025 Annual Meeting:

1. (XI-N-19) Jápa and Beyond: Unsettled Journeys, Continuities, Disruptions, and the Digital Turn in Black Migration
Theme: Mobility, Migration & Borders

Sponsoring Organization: Lagos Studies Association

Panel Chair:
Dr. Cyril Obi, (SSRC)

Presentations:

"From Iṣé ajé so ọmọ nù bí òkò (the capriciousness of the quest for fortune) to Jápa (abrupt departure by any means necessary): Continuities and Discontinuities in African Migrations to the West"

Presenter: Dr. Mojúbàolú Olúfúnké Okome (Brooklyn College, CUNY)

"Networks of Aspiration: How Digital Platforms Fuel Black Transcontinental Mobility in the Era of Jápa and Blaxit"

Presenter: Dr. Gbemisola Abiola (Harvard University)

"Já, Jápa, Jápada: Transnational Linkages and the Non-Homothetic Aspirations of Nigerian Migrants"

Presenter: Dr. Omolola Olarinde-Olomola (Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Nigeria)

Discussant: Dr. Cyril Obi (Social Science Research Council)

Focus: Comprehensive analysis of contemporary African migration patterns, digital transformations, and transnational linkages.

2. (X-AN-44) Africa Now! Globalizing African Studies and Fostering Global Literacy in Higher Education: High Impact Pedagogical Strategies

Presenter: Dr. Mojúbàolú Olúfúnké Okome (Brooklyn College, CUNY)

3. (XI-E-5) Chinese Adire and Canned Egusi Soup

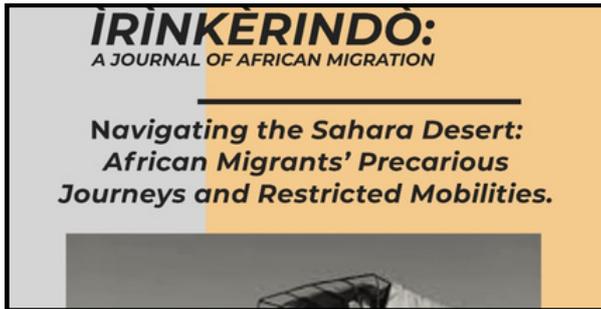
Chairs: Dr. Mojúbàolú Olúfúnké Okome (Brooklyn College, CUNY) and Dr. Chika Okoye (GRWDB)

Presenters: Dr. Sussie Okoro (University of Maryland, Baltimore County), Ms. Oluwaseyi Shayee Awoyomi (Independent Adire Artist), Dr. Peju Layiwola (University of Iowa)

Sponsoring Organization: Nigerian Studies Association

Focus: Examining the appropriation of African textile designs and culinary traditions.

A REPOST OF OUR VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



We are happy to share again just in case you missed it from our previous newsletter.

Watch the insightful discussions from *Ìrìnkèrindò: A Journal of African Migration's* Virtual Conference, themed "Navigating the Sahara Desert: African Migrants' Precarious Journeys and Restricted Mobilities".

The conference, held on January 18th, features expert panels and keynote lecture. Here are the video links:

Welcome & Keynote Lecture:

Welcome Statement by Prof. Mojúbàolú Olúfúnké Okome (Brooklyn College, CUNY)/Chief Editor of *IJAM*.

Keynote Lecture

Speaker : Dr. Jill Alpes

Title : « Quand les programmes de réintégration interrogent la citoyenneté: La figure du « retourné » au Nigéria et au Mali » ("When Reintegration Programmes Challenge Citizenship: The "Returnee" Figure in Nigeria and Mali")

Session Moderator : Dr. Naluwembe Binaiisa (Kings College London)

[Watch here](#)

Panel 1: Individual Stories/Testimonies of Border Crossing

Moderator: Dr. Adeyemi S. Badewa (Center for African Studies, The University of Pittsburgh)

[Watch here](#)

Panel 2: Out of Africa Migration and Media Discourse

Moderator: Dr. Gbemisola Abiola (Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA)

[Watch here](#)

Panel 3: Panel 3: Clandestine Crossing and Gender-based Violence

Moderator: Dr. Chergui Khedidja (L'Ecole Normale Supérieure de Bouzaréah, Algiers)

[Watch here](#)

Panel 4 and Conclusions : Tales of Border Crossing in Literature, Cinema, and the Arts

Moderator: Dr. Chergui Khedidja (L'Ecole Normale Supérieure de Bouzaréah, Algiers)

[Watch here](#)

More Migration News Updates

[Ice detains superintendent of Iowa's largest school district](#)

[New US rules say countries with diversity policies are infringing human rights](#)

[U.S. to Press Europe and Other Allies on 'Mass Migration,' Document Says](#)

[After more than 20 years in the U.S., an Eritrean mother and nurse tried to self-deport to Canada. She found herself in a Texas detention center instead.](#)

