



AFRICAN SOCIAL RESEARCH INITIATIVE (ASRI)  
BIANNUAL CONFERENCE  
JULY 15 – 16, 2016

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA,  
LEGON – ACCRA  
(Balme Library Seminar Room)  
Time: 8:30am each day

# BREAKING THE BARRIERS TO AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT: THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

African countries have been integrated into the global economy and society at a level which did not exist fifty years ago but many social barriers to development remain. Gender inequality, youth unemployment, disease burden and alienation, have declined in some countries but continue to pose great challenges in rural and urban areas. As Africa prepares for the Sustainable Development Goals, imaginative thinking, innovative analytical frameworks and new tools are required to interrogate the emerging issues and to design measures and strategies to promote the development of the continent.

The goals of the conference are to:

- Bring together social scientists to present their findings;
- Deliberate on emerging issues and possible pathways for Africa;
- Strengthen alliances between researchers within and outside the continent working on African development.
- Provide an opportunity for interaction with policy makers

## Day I: July 15th

### Key Highlights

- ❖ OPENING REMARKS &
- ❖ KEY NOTE ADDRESS

### PANELS ON:

- ❖ MIGRATION & BORDER ISSUES
- ❖ POLITICS & ELECTIONS

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## Day II: July 16th

### Key Highlights

- ❖ HEALTH
- ❖ INNOVATION TO ADDRESS DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES
- ❖ EDUCATION AND INEQUALITY