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# Contemporary Nigerian Politics

– Competition in a Time of Transition and Terror –

**Speaker: Carl LeVan (American University)**



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Kinugasa Campus, Ritsumeikan University

Discussant: **Keiichi Shirato** (College of International Relations, RU)

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## [Abstract]

Nigerians voted out an incumbent party for the first time ever in 2015. As the nation prepares for new presidential elections in 2019, Carl LeVan's new book shows how the ruling People's Democratic Party unsuccessfully stoked fears about terrorism. Then drawing on survey data and interviews across ten states, he demonstrates that the opposition built an electoral coalition around anti-corruption, economic growth, and electoral integrity.

## [Speaker's profile]

Professor LeVan is an Associate Professor at American University and a visiting lecturer at Ritsumeikan University this fall. He is the co-author of *Constituents before Assembly: Participation, Deliberation and Representation in the Crafting of Constitutions* (2017), and the author of *Dictators and Democracy in African Development* (2015). He has published widely on Nigerian politics, and is the co-editor, with Patrick Ukata, of the *Oxford Handbook of Nigerian Politics* (2018).