



Public History and Memory-Making in Post-Conflict African Societies: A Comparative Study in Nigeria

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Abstract

Public history and memory-making are crucial in post-conflict societies for reconciliation and societal healing. A comparative approach using qualitative interviews and archival research across selected regions of Nigeria, emphasising oral testimonies and government records. Public history initiatives in Nigeria have significantly enhanced public engagement with memory-making processes by integrating digital archives and interactive exhibitions. Findings suggest that comprehensive digital platforms are pivotal for broadening access to historical narratives while fostering community dialogue on conflict experiences. Future research should prioritise the integration of local languages and traditional knowledge systems in these initiatives. Public History, Memory-Making, Post-Conflict Nigeria, Digital Archives

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