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Speaker: **Dr. Tarila Marclint Ebiede, Vesalius College**

Topic: ***Youth Transition in Nigeria: Learning from the Past and Anticipating the Future***

Date: **Thursday, April 1st, 2021**

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

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ABOUT THE TALK

This talk will explore 'youth transition' in Nigeria, its meaning, impact and implications for the socio-political transformation of the country. The dominant narrative of youth in Nigeria portrays young people as victims of a dysfunctional society and perverse politics dominated by older, patronage-driven elites. Even when the agency of youth is centered in analyzing the Nigerian society, emphasis is placed on 'pop culture', social media and experiences of marginalization. These experiences, however, are not youth specific. It is shared by Nigerians from all demographic who do not belong to the powerful elite class. Yet, the experiences of young people and their response to these dysfunctions shed light on the trajectory of socio-political transformations in the country. In other words, how youth respond to crisis and the outcomes of such response provides a more comprehensive perspective that can help us understand the past and future of the Nigerian society.