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# Preface and Acknowledgments

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This book grew out of a symposium in honor of the memory of Professor Don Ohadike. Held at Cornell University, Ithaca, from September 22 to 23, 2006, the symposium attracted an international cast of speakers. The main goal was to provide a forum for intellectual exchange around the theme of “Nationalism and Power in Modern Africa” with Africa here viewed as a global presence and not just a mere geographic entity or locale. The symposium explored the trajectories that defined the interest and scholarship of Professor Don Ohadike. These include: “Colonial Order and Resistance in Africa,” and the understanding of Colonial rule in Africa in general and in Nigeria in particular, focusing on the nature of change and of agencies within a comparative perspective; “Diaspora Africans and Nationalism” dwelling on issues of global blackness; how it was framed, articulated, and expressed over time; and “Question of Modernity and Africa and its Diaspora,” interrogating African modernity and how it is constructed and articulated in comparison to other modernities including Western modernity.

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