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The Middle East Geopolitics of Religion and the Emergence of Global Salafi and Shia Identities in the Anguwan Rogo Neighborhood of Jos, Nigeria

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In his talk, Murtala Ibrahim will explore how the geopolitics of religion between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Iran led to a flow of **people** (international student mobility), **ideas** (through Islamic satellite televisions), and **goods** (Islamic merchandise) from the Middle East to northern Nigeria, transforming the local neighborhood of Anguwan Rogo into a global space. The talk will also examine how these transnational flows create new Salafi and Shia identities and transform the neighborhood into a zone of global religious encounters where the two groups become entangled in mistrust, conflicts, and spatial contestations. The forces of global geopolitics of religion described above have combined to inspire new relationships, discourses, knowledge production, lived experiences, and practices that globalize everyday religious life in the Anguwan Rogo neighborhood. These transnational interconnections make the contemporary Salafi and Shia comprehensively global identities.

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