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Men, Money, and Intimacy: Conspicuous Redistribution in Nigeria



In contemporary Nigeria, the performance of masculinity requires money. Yet the need to have and spend money sits uneasily with widely shared values regarding intimacy and sociality. Drawing on his book about masculinity in Nigeria, in this talk Professor Daniel Jordan Smith uses the concept of conspicuous redistribution as lens to understand Nigerian men's behavior as they navigate the complex geometry of money and intimate social relations in their everyday lives.

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