**Long-term effects of the transatlantic slave trade on trust in Nigerian political institutions**

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This dissertation assesses the relationship between the transatlantic slave trade and the extent to which people trust local and national political institutions in post-colonial Nigeria. Drawing on Afrobarometer surveys, I employ various regression techniques and identification strategies to determine whether Nigerians that identify with ethnic groups that were more exposed to the transatlantic slave trade are less trusting of national political institutions (the president and national assembly) and local political institutions (local councils and "traditional leaders"). The impact of the transatlantic slave trade is operationalised using secondary data from previous studies on the long-term effects of enslavement. This dissertation contributes to a broader literature that examines the long-term impacts of the transatlantic slave trade on African political economy and a literature that examines the legacies of colonialism in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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