THE RELEVANCE OF THE CONCEPT OF DIALECTIC MATERIALISM TO THE CRUDE OIL CRISIS IN THE NIGER DELTA

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ABSTRACT

The understanding of the perennial crisis in Rivers State and by extension the Niger Delta region and other problems must be located with the context of the country’s political economy and historical evolution. This paper explores the necessary theoretical yardstick for understanding of the forces that influence and shaped the present political and social realities in Rivers State of Nigeria with a focus on the impact of the overall implications Niger Delta crisis on the political economy of Nigeria.

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