

Editorial

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Having passed through a meticulous peer-review process and having met the standards of the editorial board and advisory consultants who are conversant with the areas of studies of the publications, the papers in this edition contribute immensely to knowledge. For instance, Shekarau and Vianney's paper entitled 'The Evolution of the Prison System in Ghana, 1814-2007' argues that Ghana had developed an exclusive traditional system of detention of offenders in the pre-colonial times, while the so-called modern legal system under the British was not entirely different.

Ukelina on the other hand, studies the evolution of British colonialism and the 1906 amalgamation of Nigeria. He argues that the 1906 amalgamation of southern Nigeria and the Lagos colony was the most significant step in creating modern colonial Nigeria, not the 1914 amalgamation often celebrated in Nigeria's history.

Tafida examines the trinity of civil-military relations in Nigeria where he posits that effective legislative oversight of the military, a transparent military budgeting system and deepening the involvement of relevant agencies of actors are appropriate substitutes to the use of military force. Other important papers in this edition revolve around Hausa Folktale as a tool for linguistic and moral development, an assessment of Iware cattle Market in Taraba State, border porosity in Northern States of Nigeria, as well as book reviews.

The collection of papers in this edition are of great importance to researchers and policy-makers. This cuts across areas such as social, economic, political and linguistic aspects of human life.

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