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PREFACE

We present with pleasure the seventh volume of LASU Journal of History and International Studies, LAJOHIS. This volume continues in the tradition of publishing in-depth research on different aspects of history and international studies from scholars across the world.

The ten articles in this volume straddle different sub-themes, including migration and diaspora, ethnicity and race, bilateral relations, health history, gender studies, insurgency, national and administrative history, and religious thoughts, among others.

In particular, Olawale Iskil Lawal, Wasiu A. Balogun, and Adewale Ajumobi examine the plight of Nigerian workers in the Gulf States within the matrix of the *Kafala* System. Ganiyat Alli investigates the complex interplay between race, ethnicity, and history in the African context, exploring both indigenous and exogenous schools of thought, and drawing examples especially from Morocco, Zanzibar, and Rwanda. Vikash Kumar and Prem Chand examine the evolving strategic partnership between India and the United States of America, since the post-Cold War era and its potentials to pave the way for new areas of development in the 21st century. Adebola David Coker in his interrogation of Nigeria's 1914 Amalgamation, draws attention to the complexities of colonial policies and their long-term consequences for governance and development in contemporary Nigeria. Damilola Peter Olatade and Emmanuel Ofuasia provide a new perspective to Hegel's discussion on God, while Mufutau Tunde Azeez and Akeem Abiodun Oladiti historicise the socio-economic activities of the Yoruba people in Abidjan from 1942-2002. Paulina Adekoya-Oduntan and Tunji Azeez analyse the contributions of playwrights towards a cleaner and healthier Nigerian environment. Olasupo O. Thompson, Surajudeen O. Oladele and Olawale I. Yemisi study Nigeria's response to WHO's Safe Motherhood Initiative on Maternal Healthcare from 1987-1988. Omotola Adeyoju Ilesanmi, explore the motivations and roles of women in Sahel Jihadist Insurgency. Finally, Samuel Wycliff and Yusuf Abdullahi examine the career of Emir Muhammadu Dikko in the service of British colonial administration and Katsina City, Nigeria from 1907–1944.

The variety of the themes and the multidisciplinary background of the contributors enrich the volume. Nevertheless, all the arguments and conclusions belong to the scholars, and do not represent the views of LAJOHIS.

Finally, we welcome our new Editor-in-Chief, Professor Olusegun J. Adeyeri, a professor of African History, Peace and Conflict Studies, while we express gratitude to our erstwhile editor, Professor Adewunmi J. Falode, for his dedicated service.

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