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Editorial

The principal purpose of the Ethiopian Renaissance Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities is to publish scholarly work in all fields of the social sciences and humanities. The research that is published may take a theoretical or speculative models including statistical and mathematical. The central task of this journal is to investigate how various modes of social organization and models of inquiry identify problems that chase timely solutions. Henceforth, the current (6.1) issue contains numerous scholarly debates of various kinds written by authors who made momentous efforts in communicating their studies to the scholarly communities through the ERJSSH.

First and foremost, Yared Debebe argued that no liberal democracy has ever gone to war with another liberal democracy. The victorious Western camp undisputedly declared the ontological and epistemological premises of liberal peace as a universalizing rationality of pacific order and a panacea for post-conflict societies. Nonetheless, Yared pointed out that conflicts in Africa have proved unwaveringly resistant to Westerners' attempts to easily institute universalized liberal peace. In the subsequent article, Yemataw Wondie, Tegbar Yigzaw and Lynne Koester analyzed the prevalence of mental health conditions among female street-based sex workers in Addis Ababa. These authors discovered a positive association between history of childhood sexual abuse and severity of current mental health disorders (PTSD, depression, and substance abuse). As well, Dawit Girma described how the Ethiopian philosophers (Zara Yacob and Woldehawariat) understood feminism in Ethiopia. The author suggested that these philosophers have strived to promote the economic, social, and political needs of women in order to empower them.

Moreover, Dessu Wirtu compared adult education in Ethiopia and Sweden showing that adult education was used mainly as a mechanism for promoting the development of civic competence, employability skills and raising environmental awareness in both countries. Mikyas Abera in his article, Positive science or interpretive understanding, compared Durkheim and Weber's contribution to sociology. Referring to ideas transcending viewpoints of these giant sociologists, the author discussed the ontological existence of society or social facts, with the attributes of externality, generality and coercive powers over the individual, was assumed through what is called 'argument by elimination,' leading to a surge of search for adequate quantitative methods to study their external and objective attributes in order to identify regularities in their functioning. Furthermore, Addisse Yalew provided a succinct explanation of "Tekle", a song in the Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity. The author is worried that Tekle's cultural and epistemological service is dwindling and thus it should be reconfigured and reinstituted in order to redeem the viable religious epitome. Finally, Mussie Yebaba in his article, evaluation of farmers-researcher-extension workers linkages in irrigated maize farm management in Dera Woreda, discussed about the services in the irrigated maize farm management through linking farmers with researchers and extension workers, characterizing farmers as passive recipients of technology, causing weak link and fragmentation. The author concluded that researchers and extension worker linkage to farmers to avail relevant technologies and innovation in irrigated maize farm management remained difficult.

With these in mind, the editorial committee of the ERJSSH welcomes contributions from all fields that have relevant and insightful comments to make about the social sciences and humanities. Each manuscript submitted to the Ethiopian Renaissance

Journal of social sciences and humanities is subject to a two-level review process. Initially, a member of the editorial team evaluates the quality and suitability of a submitted manuscript using the following criteria: topical relevance, evidence that standards for ethical conduct of human research were met, quality of research, and quality of the writing. If a submission meets these criteria, it is assigned for a double blinded peer review process. Manuscripts not meeting these basic criteria are either rejected or returned to the author for clarification and revision.

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