

EDITORIAL

The ERJSSH is one of the finest and best academic journals hosted by the CSSH at the University of Gondar. The journal was developed out of vivid academic culture – publishing extant intellect testing articles, book reviews that telescope voluminous manuscripts followed by infrequent academic news. The articles submitted to this journal often come from various interdisciplinary backgrounds. These diverse fields of studies bring variety of talents that increase originality, authenticity, and relevance to the disciplines of social science and humanities. Many of the authors in this journal sometimes inject creative chaos - breaking down old assumptions by intentionally shaking -up the status- quos that are unhelpful and no longer innovative as shown in the subsequent excerpts.

In this 4.1 volume, Ebrahim Damtew, argued that the Azmaris had submerged to social nadir and were ill fated during the revolution of 1974. The author showed that Azmaris are reflectors of both grievance and happiness due to their marginalization and demotion that they encountered. Ebrahim argued that Azmaris play not only interesting tunes but also sing educative melodies of well-versed nature. All the traditional values upheld by the Azmari were threatened and sidelined after the uprising. As well, Assayew Nebere Ambaw in his work ‘ Evaluating the Performance of the –Rainfall in Upper Ggela Abay Catchment at Blue Nile Basin’ showed the prevalence of spatial and temporal variability of rainfall in Gilgel Abay. He contended that the fair distribution of rainfall is vital means of water resource management, food production, and drought monitoring mechanism. This author relied on time and space correlations algorithm to gain pertinent data for hydrological and water resource management and honestly admitted that there is no sufficient rainfall gauging networks at the study area.

Belete Debebe in his work “Determinant of Food Insecurity among Rural Households in Debarke” asserted that food insecurity is a colossal challenge to development. The author suggests that lack of access to water, insufficient purchasing power, inappropriate distribution of wealth and inadequate utilization of resources triggered food insecurity. Not only food insecurity, but also lack of health and unproductivity due to rugged terrain that lures recurrent drought, frost and other factors caused food shortage around Debarke Woreda. Besides, Agegneu Tesfa critically gazed at the “Representation of Reading Comprehension Sub- Skills in Secondary schools Amharic Textbooks.” This author argues that the tenet of language studies offer special attentions to reading comprehension because excellence in reading is the critical route to every learning. Reading is a fountain of understanding and thus all aspects of reading and writing should be given utmost consideration, Agegneu argued Amharic reading comprehension in particular requires superb guiding books that are untainted with flawed grammars -- grammars that deter the imparting of proper knowledge on students.

As stated above, the current volume not only contains research articles but also carries some book reviews and academic news. The books such as

Habte Aba Mela of Bahiru Zewude was assessed by Abebe ---while the Ethiopian Army from Victory to Collapse that was authored by Fantahun Ayele was critically reviewed by Andreu Martenzi d' Alos Moner. The reviewers sagaciously examined the books and surfaced some of the nuances alongside with relevant points to the front.

All the authors and reviewers used introductory remarks to provide road-maps and guideposts of their works to allow readers to passionately follow the gist of the arguments. The arguments in the articles and review materials are supported by evidence in cogent and logical fashion. The breadth and depth of the articles are well balanced; specific contexts embedded in generalizations – writing passions abided by the rule of logical reasoning - wit served the utmost rational intelligence, following the academic and research ethics guideline of the University of Gondar. It is axiomatic that the greatest assets to universities are their abilities to generate knowledge through research findings and thus universities that cannot create new knowledge via research possibly will cease operating as full-fledged university. The editors of the ERJSSH endeavour to attract maximum knowledge sharers of the highest calibre to submit publishable materials to the journal. The commitment and drive of the editors to engender the passing of appropriate knowledge on to valued readers through the sorting of suitable articles from the maze of submissions are fundamental to the quality of the academic journal. While successful editing depends on earned trust from those who submit their articles, assuring compatibility with various fields of studies and intimacy with the materials given to each are mandatory editorial responsibilities. Declaring conflict of interest as appropriate and honesty in passing judgement are the guiding pillars of the ERJSSH editors. With these considerations in mind, the editors urge contributors and readers not only to submit publishable materials but also give constructive feed backs to the editors anonymously in confidence in order to improve the quality of the journal.

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