



Editorial

This edition of *NIU Journal of Humanities* touches on Social Philosophy, Social Psychology as well as Language and Literary Studies.

The first part of the Journal focuses on Social Philosophy. Using Nigeria as a case study, one of the papers in this section empirically argues that democracy and national security are intertwined, and that addressing the theoretical issues underlying these concepts is crucial for ensuring the country's stability and prosperity. It argues that a more nuanced understanding of the complex relationships between democracy, security, and development is necessary to overcome the challenges facing Nigeria and to build a more secure and democratic polity.

Papers in the second section are on Social Psychology. Using Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State, Nigeria as case studies, one of the papers in these sections argues theoretically and demonstrates empirically that frequent disruptions of school academic activities due to the fear of kidnapping was among factors responsible for the decline in girl-child enrollment, hence, there is urgent need to address this critical issue. It is therefore recommended that security outfits around the schools' premises should be increased to protect girls from bandit attacks and ensure a safe environment for learning activities.

One of the papers, in the last section on Language and Literary Studies, evaluates the extent to which Igbo language and sign language are accessible within key institutional domains in Lagos State, Nigeria. The study reveals that meaningful linguistic inclusion requires institutional policies that support both indigenous spoken languages and sign language. It is believed that such measures will improve communication access, social participation, and civic inclusion for marginalized linguistic communities in Lagos.

This issue of *NIU Journal of Humanities* features many empirical and theoretical based articles which can be of great benefit to every reader.

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