

Editor's Note

Responding to suggestions from the research fellowship of the Institute of African Studies for a re-branding of the Research Review, which began publication in the early 1960s soon after the establishment of the Institute, the old title has now been replaced with a new title — Contemporary Journal of African Studies. This is the second issue of the first volume under that title. It has to be conceded that in this computer age when it is customary to publish online and to search for articles and publications via Google and other search engines, the older title of 'Research Review' presented difficulties for speedy online searching, since the keywords in the title are to be found in many journal titles. It is the expectation that the new title will fare better in this respect, even if it presents its own challenges, such as the possibility that some readers might confuse Contemporary Journal of African Studies (CJAS) with a similar sounding journal title. We have taken this re-branding opportunity to change the appearance of the journal and to make it more appealing in design. It has been re-sized to make it conform to the dimensions of similar journals on the market. In all other respects, however, the CJAS should be seen as a continuation of the Research Review. It continues to be owned by the Institute of African Studies of the University of Ghana and continues to abide by its contractual agreements and obligations. It will continue to be published as a hard edition and will at the same time be available online through SABINET and AJOL. The guidelines to authors remain unchanged. Finally, I like once again to thank members of the editorial team, and the journal's advisory board; I am also grateful to the reviewers of papers submitted to the journal. The editorial team is also grateful to Dr. Jonathan Brindle who undertook to translate the abstracts into French at no cost to the Journal.