

## Editor's Note

This issue of the *Contemporary Journal of African Studies* (CJAS), Vol. 5. No. 1, is the ninth in the series under this title. It is the last to be edited by the current General Editor. The incoming General Editor is Professor Akosua Adomako Ampofo (FGA), Director of the Institute of African Studies of the University of Ghana, 2009-2016. She brings to the job a rich background experience in journal editing, having been and still serving as Co-Editor, *Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa blog*, [www.cihablog.com](http://www.cihablog.com) and editor of *African Studies Review*.

The outgoing General Editor takes this opportunity to express his gratitude to all the stakeholders of CJAS for the tremendous support received over the years. These include Acting and substantive Directors of the Institute since 2010; the members of both the Editorial Board and the Editorial Committee of the *Research Review* (RR) and now the *Contemporary Journal of African Studies* (CJAS); fellows of the Institute of African Studies; Sundel Services, producer of the two Institute journals (RR and CJAS) and its managing Director, William Sunu; AJOL and Kate Snow of AJOL, and SABINET; and the various assessors and reviewers of the papers sent out for assessment.

My gratitude will not be complete if I do not acknowledge the support of Dr. Stephen Owoahene Acheampong, my right-hand man (who is also retiring from the service of the journal), and the various national service persons who have joined the Publications Unit of the Institute of African Studies in September of every year to serve as Publications Assistants for their national service year. I own them an enormous debt of gratitude for their unflinching support.

On a rather sad note: I announce the passing of one of the CJAS Editorial Board members — Professor James Anquandah, a renowned archaeologist and University administrator. He died on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. He was for many years head of the Department of Archaeology (Now Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies)

of the University of Ghana, and Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies of the University of Ghana. May his soul find a peaceful repose in the bosom of his Lord.

The editor and the editorial team acknowledge for the second time round the financial support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York through the University of Ghana Building A New Generation of Academics in Africa (BANGA-Africa) Project. We also use this platform to express our gratitude for the support of various stakeholders, including the Director of the Institute of African Studies, the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellors of the University of Ghana, the Provost of the College of Humanities, and Prof Yaa Ntiamoa-Baidu and Prof Kweku Osam.

The editorial team takes yet again the opportunity to express profound gratitude to Ms. Titilope Ajayi, a PhD student at the Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy, for proofreading some of the papers published in this issue. We are especially grateful to Luke S. Liebzie of the Department of French of the University of Ghana for translating this issue's abstracts into French. Sundel Services, Accra, continues to produce the paper edition of the journal.

Finally, we acknowledge the contributions of our publications assistant — Mr. Kofi Afriyie. Many others equally deserve explicit acknowledgement for contributions to the CJAS, but space constraints do not make this feasible; we are nevertheless grateful.

We pray that the in-coming editorial team will continue to enjoy the support of all our stakeholders.