

# CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE *CHEMCHEMI* INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## Overview of the Journal

*Chemchemi* – International Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences (ISSN 1563 -1028) is a peer-reviewed print journal of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) of Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya. The main objective of the journal is to stimulate and encourage debate on key themes in the Humanities and Social Sciences that are both interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary in scope. The journal publishes articles of a theoretical and empirical nature as well as short communications and book reviews.

The editor invites submissions of scholarly abstracts from disciplines under the Humanities and Social Sciences for the forthcoming issue (Volume 11, Issue 1) that focuses on **Issues in Governance, Peace and Security in Contemporary Africa**. Abstracts for papers bearing arguments and perspectives that underscore this view are highly encouraged. *Chemchemi* publishes original research articles based on case studies, empirical and other research, as well as solicits book reviews from researchers, academicians, professionals and practitioners from all over the world.

## Issues in Governance, Peace and Security in Contemporary Africa

Issues of governance, peace and security in Africa are emerging as critical drivers of academic debate and scholarship. Despite observations made by previous researchers, practitioners and policy analysts, Africa still continue to be ravaged by wars, conflict, poverty, environmental degradation, diseases among other challenges. All these challenges have a critical link to issues of governance, peace and security. Indeed, as the vagaries globalization and other related transnational entities continue to weigh down on the continent's present potential and future promise, part of the broad task of the research community remains the need to variedly articulate reasoned responses to the multiple continental challenges. Whereas the context of governance, peace and security seem to project the primacy of Africa within global discourses, the link between these issues and other local, national, regional and international dynamics provide useful interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary reflections. This *Chemchemi* call seeks to provide an intellectual platform to interrogate and address the aforementioned challenges.

### Sub themes:

Governance, state fragility and its implication for peace  
Resource governance and cultures of peace  
Culture, religion and peace building  
Conflict management and peace building  
Gender Perspectives in conflict, peace and post conflict contexts  
Language, media and security Issues  
Marginalization, poverty and insecurity  
Ethno-sectarian identities and conflicts  
Constitutionalism, devolution and governance

Terrorism and transnational insecurity  
State and non-state responses to security  
Local, regional and international dimensions to peace and security  
Role of transport, communication and technology in peace building

### **Submission of Abstracts**

E-mail submission (as an MS Word attachment) is mandatory, and abstracts should not be more than 300 words in length. Book review articles should be 1000 words and adhere to the theme of the issue. A separate cover page indicating the title of the paper, the author's name and institutional affiliation, and contact information must accompany all submitted abstracts. The author's name should not appear on the second page. The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Authors of the successful abstracts will be contacted on or before 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The abstract should be in Times New Roman, Font 12 and adhere strictly to the APA reference style. They can be submitted in English (French and Kiswahili articles or those in any other language should be accompanied with a translation in English).

Authors of successful abstracts shall be asked to prepare full papers that should be ready by 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Received papers shall be subjected to a rigorous, *blind* peer review process in line with international scholarly practice. Contributors of articles selected for publication will receive one copy of the journal. Copyright reverts to the contributor after publication.

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