

## Editorial Desk

### Okada School of Sociological Thoughts: Research and Development toward Pragmatic Solutions

Any attempt to embark on any journey resulting in the production of a bundled body of knowledge available to readers and scholars is worthwhile and should be applauded, most especially when such compilation of knowledge is kept safe in both hard and internet archives for ease of reference by the end users of the research product. That research output is a viable instrument for social, economic, political and technological emancipation and progress is not a *news* to development giants and practitioners alike. The output of every social research endeavor is, *ceteris paribus*, tailored towards solving problems which affects a proportion of population, with recommendations, tailored towards achieving pragmatic solution.

The conception and emergence of Okada School of Sociological Thoughts, in the Igbinedion University, were achieved under the current leadership of a seasoned Sociologist, Dr Adetayo Olorunlana, the Head of Department, who in just few years strived to engage in activities geared towards registering and writing the name through several imprints, on the Sociology Global Map. The School's first effort cumulated in a compendium contributed by several Sociologists, of notable note, from different citadels of learning in all the Geo-political zones of Nigeria. Its commerce; characterized by greater market demand, when juxtaposed with the available quantities supplied by the Publisher, speaks volume of the marketability of *Introduction to Sociology: African Culture, Context and Complexity* keenly edited by Professors affiliated with the

premier university. In the premier University located at Okada, the sociological spirit is almost everywhere and once manifested in Professor Lawrence Ikechukwu Ezemonye, the Vice Chancellor during a review of the activities of all the Research Groups (RGs), in one of the Senate meetings which held in 2020 where he demonstrated the sociological relevance of almost all the research topics submitted by scholars in all the Colleges. This raised assurance and convictions that he might be wearing some Sociological caps. His 2021 publication titled 'Assessment of socio-cultural acceptability of biogas from faecal waste as an alternative energy source in selected areas of Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria' published by *Journal of Environment Development and Sustainability* attests to this.

The *OKADA Journal of Sociology* (OJS), an offspring of the Okada School of Sociological Thought, is another attempt at making further indelible imprints to contribute to research and development in the social world. That social world is governable by the laws of conflicts and competition as in the world of natural selection leads to survival of the fittest, as asserted by Herbert Spencer and Talcott Parsons' functionalism position that every segment of the society has its role to play to ensure the continuing existence of the whole society provide justifiable ground for the emergence of this Okada Sociological Research Publication Platform. With a policy of publishing papers submitted by scholars and that have been perused and found in line with the Journal objectives and found worthy by selected academic giants of sociological note, as listed on editorial board , the outing offers a new promise of hope in the development and establishment of Okada horizon of sociological studies. This first edition backdated to the year 2019, features five research outputs by authors who painstakingly conducted research (quantitative and qualitative) and successfully passed the administrative and peer review processes.

OJS is a vista opened to search, using a peculiar binocular, into the social, cultural, economic, and political world with the major aim of seeking respites for the challenges created by man as a result of the need for human ‘sociation’ and grouping. It is the Igbinedion University Okada’s view and binocular for viewing the social world.

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