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Editor’s Note

Welcome to EAJ-SAS Volume 2 Issue 1, 2020. It has been of great honour working with a number of researchers in Africa and across the globe in our two Issues of 2019. We commend you for being part of a great development to our journal and the intelligent knowledge sharing to the rest of the world. In this edition, EAJ-SAS has twelve papers and two book review presenting very interesting topical study outputs from wonderful researchers covering different issues in the scope of the journal. In summary, the following are the articles and Book Reviews that make the Issue:

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Articles:

Paper one by Nkuhi and Benamini investigate disorders in developing countries’ legal and regulatory frameworks on protection of workers’ health and safety. Authors acknowledge that, protecting workers from hazardous working conditions is a century old agenda. Of latest, the agenda has gained momentum because of an increase of workplace fatalities, injuries and diseases. Such an increase is global and the victims are none but the workers and their dependants. The study identified wrong approaches to WHS protection; multiplicity of laws and regulatory bodies, scope and coverage of the working population; non-inclusion of critical workers’ rights; dominance of flexibility clauses and insufficient enforcement measures as amongst the critical disorders calling for urgent legal reform. The paper suggests ways forward in an attempt to seek reliefs to the toiling members of the working class.

The second paper by Shigini titled the semantic nature of sukuma personal names aimed at providing a description of the content embodied in Sukuma names that parents give to their children. The findings reveal that some of the names given to children are loaded with contents reflecting experiences of parents prior to or during pregnancy and even at birth. The study conclude that names are meaning potentials; and in assigning names to children, parents bear in mind a purpose which may be influenced by some good or bad life experiences. It is recommended that parents should think very careful when assigning names to their children as a means to tell their stories which may no longer be relevant to the referent later on in life.

Bukki, Abiodun and Bello authored paper three which examined how entrepreneurial initiatives and networking capabilities are the push factors for innovations within small-scale businesses in South-West, Nigeria. Two hypotheses were formulated and tested. Findings indicated that there was a significant composite and relative influence of networking capabilities and entrepreneurial initiatives on innovativeness of small-scale businesses in the study areas. It was recommended among others that strategies to improve networking that will enhance innovation among small-scale business operators should be created.

Matto, Ahsbaid and Mjem in a fourth paper investigate the weaknesses of existing Interactive Voice Response (IVR) systems and suggest solution. Using literature review, findings indicate that, most of IVR systems have common navigation weaknesses that prevent the users from using them effectively. Pattern of chronological pre-programmed prompts is slow, tedious, and impersonal to users. Additionally, in most of IVR systems there is no option for users to undo mistakes when they recognize that they have made a mistake. Basing on the observed weaknesses
the study proposes an improved IVR system design based on a non-chronological pre-programmed prompts (NCPP) approach through design and development of IVR mobile application.

The fifth paper by Ndiege and Kazungu examined how the sources of capital and how the allocation of Savings and Credit Co-operative Societies (SACCOS) capital influences the performance of the societies. Findings reveal that higher net loan, liquid investment, members’ savings and institutional capital are both crucial determinants of performance. Ndiege and Kazungu recommends that SACCOS should be encouraged to focus on extending financial services to its members who will invest, rather than SACCOS investing in non-financial investments.

Paper six by Muhanga does an assessment of the informality of the informal sector by analysing the characteristics and settings of the urban informal sector for selected wards in Morogoro region. The findings show that those most involved in the informal sector had low levels of education and no business skills, and generally use family labour, willing to operate businesses at times and locations convenient to customers. Muhanga recommend further studies to assess the informality of the informal sector and the development of appropriate policy responses to accommodate the needs of the informal sector by the local governments.

Paper seven by Mseese and Mashenene examine the economic opportunities and emerging market channels for the agricultural product (Irish potato) and investment opportunities in rural areas of Njombe, Tanzania. Findings indicate that increasing connectivity through mobility and commuting of the rural to urban residence allows investors to take advantages of the emerging market for both rural and urban areas. Furthermore, a significant number of investment opportunities resulted from the emerging of a new channel of Irish potato marketing. Integrating rural-urban connection in development approaches will ensure utilization of investment opportunities; increases agricultural productivity hence increases job opportunities to the community.

Paper eight by Babune examined opportunities of local markets development in Dodoma town. Babune presents that, there are opportunities for local markets development in Dodoma Municipal Council (DMC). Descriptive statistics as well as content analysis was used to inform the results. It was found that, accessibility to markets ranged between a half to three kilometres from main entrance and central business area. It was concluded that, markets are unevenly distributed in Dodoma town. Improved access to local markets informed by availability of various means and mode of transport to and from markets centres is recommended.

Rwechungura, Kaleshu and Ndiege in the ninth paper examined the causality between bank profitability and stability of commercial banks (CBs) in Tanzania using panel data covering 10 years (2006-15) using Granger Causality Test in Heterogeneous Panels as a method of analysis. Findings revealed that there is a positive bidirectional relationship between ROE and Z-score in large and small banks. The study also found that ROE does granger cause the ratio of NPL/TL in small and large banks while the ratio of NPL/TL was found to granger cause ROA and ROE in small banks. The study recommends that the management of small banks should aim to accomplish both indicators simultaneously as they cause each other.

Shadrack and Warsanga in the tenth paper assess the influence of women managed micro-enterprises on households’ welfare in a mining area of Mererani Township in Tanzania. It was found that, income generated from micro-enterprises is perceived by women entrepreneurs to present opportunities for increased household welfare including access to basic services such as health care, education, food, clothing and housing. It is recommended that constructive measures including tax review, training, and credit access need to be taken care to boost performance of micro enterprises in mining areas in Tanzania.
Paper eleventh paper by Shigini investigated errors committed by A-level students in their academic writing. In examining the types of errors made, students’ written essays and compositions were analysed using content analysis. Findings indicate that learners committed numerous errors; and the most prevalent errors committed were lexical errors; followed by orthographic errors, grammatical errors and morphological errors. He concluded that, though errors in the learners’ language are fruitful and indispensable to both the L2 learners and the teachers; lexical errors are potentially the most disruptive and detrimental errors (in written communication) as they affect the message’s intended meaning which calls for English teachers to put more emphasis on content words.

Lastly the twelfth paper by Mtani is critically analysing the jurisprudential inquiry into the scope, principles, and standards of Air Law. He further discusses how the development of science and technology has brought new challenges in air navigation. Findings indicate that the challenges include the making of unmanned (pilotless) aircraft, the problem of flight tracking in remote airspace, and air pollution through emission of toxic air by aircraft. The author, calls for collective action between ICAO and her Member States to address these challenges and find the way forward without jeopardising innovations for the development of air navigation.

Book Reviews:
Katundu reviews a book titled The Development Process: A Spatial Perspective by Akin L. Mabogunje, Routledge Library Editions: Human Geography, published by Taylor & Francis Routledge, 2017. The reviewer present that the book is about development process; it is written from developing countries’ perspective and its author discusses the development process from a spatial viewpoint with a focus on the evolution of the intra-national space-economy. Katundu further say that, it was necessary to review this book in order to assess its applicability in today’s circumstances given socio-economic changes happening globally. The review has established that, the book is still an important resource for university lecturers and students especially those pursuing economic development, development studies and rural development courses.

Mfanga reviews a book titled Research and Writing across the Disciplines, written by p. Ramadass and A. Wilson Aruni and published by Mjp Publishers, Muthu Kalathy Street, Triplicane, Chennai in 2014. The reviewer acknowledges that to discover new facts there is a need for a well conducted research. Thus, there is a need to generate awareness on how to do research properly so as to come up with vivid facts aiming at generating new knowledge. He commends the book that, it is a valuable resource for researchers, university lecturers and students from all disciplines. The main weakness of the book is the failure to discuss the literature searching techniques.

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