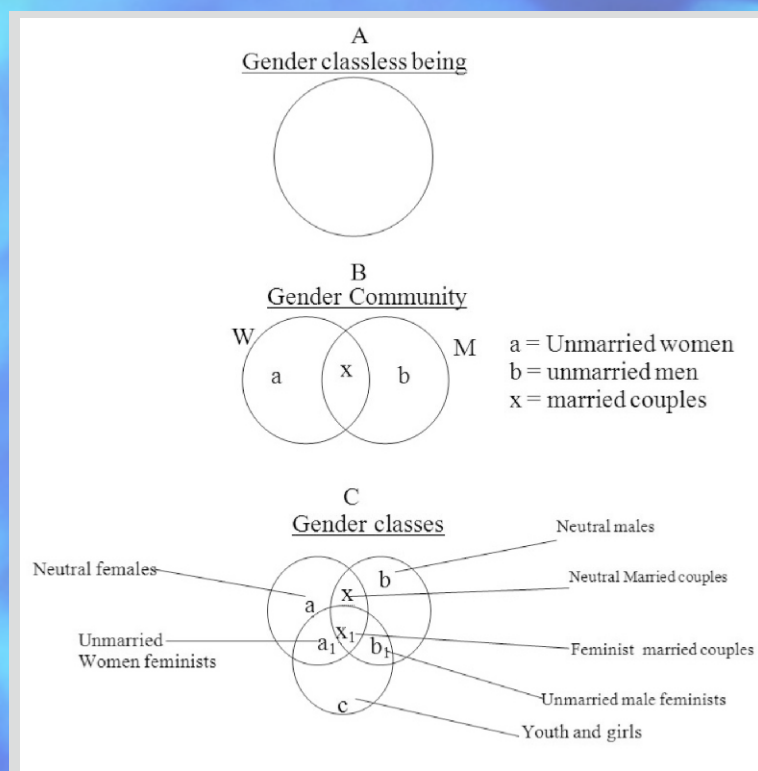




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Editorial

The encounter of Africans with European culture, through slave trade, missionary activities, and colonialism, has resulted in the new configuration of the African continent and the African personality, which has given vent to actions and reactions especially by African scholars in the humanities and the social sciences. The philosophers, much more like their counterparts in other fields, are saddled with the critical evaluation of the configuration of the African relationship with the West—a relationship that has had its benefits and burdens for Africa and Africans. The contemporary African philosopher is therefore engaged, among other things, in the problem of identity, globalisation, governance (democracy), science and technology and the ontological foundation of existence. All these issues properly synergised form the basis of African development.

Professor Maduabuchi Dukor's responses to the identified African problems, just like other concerned African philosophers, have been in the form of lectures, journal articles and books. With these, he hopes to contribute his perspective to addressing the African crisis of development. Of recent, the year 2010 to be precise, Professor Dukor encapsulated his responses in four great books which have stirred unending disquisitions from scholars of repute, especially in Philosophy. The books, which to any discerning mind, will be regarded as four great works in African philosophy, are: 1) *Scientific Paradigm in African Philosophy: Theistic Panpsychic Epistemology and Ontology*; 2) *Theistic Humanism of African Philosophy: The Great Debate on Substance and Method of Philosophy*; 3) *African Philosophy in the Global Village: Theistic Panpsychic Rationality, Axiology and Science*; and 4) *African Freedom: The Freedom of Philosophy*. These great works were published in Germany by Lambert Academic Publishers, also a reputable publishing firm. These works, without being economical to truth, constitute a major amalgam at addressing various African developmental challenges. Dukor however uses African traditional philosophical templates as frameworks for interrogating these issues. While these works cannot be said to have attained the status of "Platonic perfect ideas", they nevertheless constitute a very good foundation for examining the present developmental challenges in Africa.

The present edition of this journal constitutes a response to Dukor's position in his great works. The responses straddle African perspectives on identity, culture, religion, politics and development. For specificity, the topics which were contributed by eminent scholars include: Theistic (and Socioeconomic) Origin of Philosophy; Theistic Humanism and the Critique of Monotheism as the Most Evolved Religion; A Critique of Maduabuchi Dukor's "Divination: a Science or an Art?"; African Metaphysics and Theocracy: A Case Study of Theocratic Politics in Ogba Land, Rivers State, Nigeria; Character and Culture: towards a man of culture; Atheism and Humanism in a Globalized world: the Igbo experience; Dukor's Theistic Humanism: panacea to Globalization; A Redescriptive History of Hermeneutics and Humanism in African Philosophy; The Place of Symbols in African Philosophy; The Epistemology of Symbols in African Medicine; African Culture of Communication in the Global Village: The Experience of Ogba People in Rivers State Nigeria; Christocentric Ecotheology and Climate Change; A critique of Atheistic Humanism; A Re-Interpretation of African Philosophical Idea: The Yoruba Example; Personal Identity and "Life-Here-After Poetics": A Critique of Maduabuchi Dukor's Metaphysics; Appraisal of African Identity for sustainable Development; Enhancing African Development through Freedom: An Assessment of Dukor's Philosophical Basis of African Freedom; A Philosophical

Evaluation of the Concept of African Freedom; Maduabuchi Dukor and the Legacies of Ontological Practices in African Thought System; The Aftermath of Globalization on African Identity; The Concept of Feminist Justice in Africa; Women in Domestic Violence in Nigeria: Gender Perspectives; Prayer for Good Governance: A Study of Psalm 72 in the Nigerian Context; Influence of Cultural Value System and Home on Child-Rearing Practices in the Contemporary Nigerian Society; Non-Governmental Organizations (Ngos), Conflict and Peace Building in Nigeria; Dukor's African Unfreedom and Moral Responsibility; Philosophy in Indigenous Igbo Proverbs: Cross-Cultural Media for Education in the Era of Globalisation; Philosophical Paradigm of African Identity and Development; Plato and Dukor on philosophy of Sports, physical education and African Philosophy: the role of virtue and value in maintaining body, soul and Societal Development; SocioReligious Implications of Fuel Subsidy Removal in Nigeria; Religion and African Identity: a Reflection on Nigerian Situation;

A Theoretical Foundation for Understanding Law Subjects and Rights in Igbo Philosophy of Law and, Theistic Humanism and the Hermeneutic Appraisal of the Doctrine of Salvation

The interesting aspect about many of these papers is that they employed critical analysis in establishing their agreements and disagreements with Dukor's perspectives. There are thirty three papers in all that have been selected for this edition after rigorous scrutiny. We have also included a short biographical note on Professor Maduabuchi Dukor, in order to appreciate the salient contributions of Professor Dukor to African Philosophical scholarship. It is hoped that these contributions will further stimulate fruitful debates in the areas of African philosophy and Philosophy of Development, the two areas in which the papers in this edition have been grouped.

We thank the contributors whose papers have been selected for this special edition for their perseverance, especially in meeting up with the editorial challenges. We equally thank those whose papers did not make it to the publication stage either as a result of late submission or for editorial problem. There shall definitely be another opportunity in the future. On our part, we thank the management of Open Journal of Philosophy (OJPP) for extending the honour to us to be guest editors of this special edition. We look forward to further academic collaboration in the nearest future. We shall continue to identify with the journal in the promotion of philosophical scholarship for sustainable human development.

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