

FROM THE EDITORS

The purpose of this journal is to ensure the early publication of monographs and research work (source and analysis: bibliographies, maps, lexicographic studies) carried out in the Department of African Languages and Cultures. At the moment we are about to publish studies resulting from seminar work and also research by members of our teaching staff. Our Department is currently engaged in work in the fields of linguistics, literature, history and education in North-East, East and West Africa.

We believe that our work will be useful to specialists both in their own research work and in their teaching. This publication is not a commercial venture, and issues in this series will be available only through exchange.

We shall be very grateful for all comments on the studies which we publish, for these will provide us with useful guidelines about the direction of our research and teaching.

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