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Editorial Note

We are delighted to welcome you to the second issue which presents a selection of articles from different disciplines of Somali studies. The second issue contains six research articles and three Somali poems. One of the articles is written in the Somali Language.

In the debate about the relationship between Somali kinship systems and socio-political identity, the first article revisits the challenging debate between two schools in Somali studies field: traditionalists and transformationists; and explores what is at stake in this debate in the state building project in Somalia. The second article examines the state building process of Turkish model in Somalia and highlights the critical role of civilian power approach in the process of state building in failed states.

The third article spotlights the historical developments of the Somali Region in Ethiopia from the colonial period to the recent period around 1995. Not far from history, the fourth article journeys the Somali Civil War through selected Somali Poetry. It reflects unforgettable painful moments and experiences, and how the hopes and aspirations of generations are muted by bullets!

In Somali dialectology, the fifth article compares the oblique marking system of the Common Somali and Karre Dialects. This study, and other similar studies, may help better understanding of the evolution of the Somali language.

The sixth article is anthroponymical study which discusses “*name and naming system*” in Somali society, and proposes practical recommendations to deal with growing problems in this regard.

The last section is intended to document unpublished works in the field of Somali literature. In this issue, we selected three Somali poems that revolve around the theme of the responsibilities of the ‘Somali man’ in the family and society in recent decades.

As we worked on our inaugural volume last year and our second volume this year, we have been impressed by the reaction of scholars around the globe and their contacts and contributions such as suggestions, recommendations and submission of articles. Thank you for your support.

As this journal is a platform for scholars, we welcome your submissions in different areas and disciplines, with particular focus on social science and humanities, about Somalia, Horn of Africa, and the Somali diaspora communities around the globe. So, your papers are much appreciated to make a substantial contribution to the literature of Somali studies.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all our Editorial Team and members of Advisory Board for their direction and collaborative work.

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