

Editor's Preface

This issue of the Journal of Gender and Power can be considered as a special case study as all are written about gender in Nigerian society. This is a very interesting space for studying both femininity and masculinity and all articles which are included in this volume certainly confirm it. And there is gender inequality in this country, including the access of women to education and the job market, their marginalization, and discrimination in all spheres of social life, including subordination to men, also in the field of sexuality. This inequality and related to it phenomena result from cultural tradition and norms as well as various stereotypes that are deeply rooted in human awareness as well as in social structure and institutions. As Nigerian researcher Yetunde Adebunmi Aluko, write: existing „disparities are derived from shared traditional and religious understandings of gender identity and roles and represent a kind of superstructure on top of an underlying structure of socio-cultural gender prejudice and discriminatory practice.”¹ And of course, it does refer to many other African countries.

The authors of the articles present various phenomenon dimensions of gender relationships in Nigeria. Together they give a picture of womanhood and manhood and Nigerian society. We can hope that this volume can be a small contribution to the slow process of women's emancipation efforts in Nigeria. Kelly Bryan Ovie Ejumudo confirmed that achieving such a „goal is not only necessary for sustainable development efforts in Nigeria: it also demands a pragmatic approach to appropriate policy formulation, program design, focused implementation and effective monitoring and evaluation in a genial climate of political will, genuine commitment, and national re-orientation.”²

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¹ Y. Aluko (2016), Change in Status of Women In Nigeria: A Dialectical Framework for Understanding. *Sokoto Journal of the Social Sciences*. December, vol. 6, no. 2, p. 217.

² K.B.O. Ejumudo (2013), Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in Nigeria: The Desirability and Inevitability of a Pragmatic Approach. *Developing Country Studies*. 201, vol. 3, no. 4, p. 65.