

As members of a growing international community, African countries must find NEW methods and measures for promoting and strengthening African Unity and mutual co-operation. For too long, Africa and its people have been dominated, exploited and oppressed by the forces of imperialism, racism and neo-colonialism for their own benefit. Particular attention, therefore, is paid to the phenomenon of imperialism, neo-colonialism, and all forms of oppression. Articles analysing and exposing governments and interest groups whose policies subordinate the genuine interests of Africa to foreign and domestic exploitative interests are encouraged in this journal.

Interpretation of significant events in African politics has frequently been monopolised by foreign "experts". This journal explores ALTERNATIVE African solutions to African problems, and appeals to African scholars to continue to contribute their knowledge and understanding of their continent and its peoples. Concepts like socialism and self-reliance are discussed and analysed in an effort to give them concrete meaning. The Editors welcome provocative articles with emphasis on the originality and relevance of ideas reflecting the realities of social, political and economic forces shaping the future of Africa.

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- So, therefore, are issues of international labour migration, especially between peripheral and semi-peripheral zones.
- We would like to encourage studies of trade union internationalism; either studies of existing organisations or of new patterns of bargaining and solidarity.
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- And while we are interested in labour history, authors should try to draw inferences for contemporary practice from their historical studies, which should also have some international bearing.

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