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Humanistic Studies, Culture and Development in the Era of Fourth Revolution: Adapting Culture, Language, Science and Technology for African Identity, Security and Development in an Era of Global Modernity

The human desire to build up humanity for purposive ends is valuable because it impacts positively on the lives of human beings by allowing diverse fields of knowledge to pursue their interests and more importantly realises that one way of knowing is not complete without the others both at the theoretical, cultural and practical levels. Accordingly, all disciplines, including technology, if they are to be relevant, need to or ought to have that focus on the humanisation of knowledge for the sake of improving the human condition and creating more avenues for learning and broadening our choices for security.

Security is about the totality of the strategies and efforts to place value on human life. Man's creativity and the different disciplines are directed towards ensuring security, as the Greeks taught that security is beauty, that is, beauty is when every part of something is working together in harmony. Therefore security is beauty seen in harmony! The goal of security comes from the affirmation of life itself, especially the value of life. The work of the preservation of human and institutional values remains a major aim of security in any society.

Understanding the issues of identity and security implies that we need to be first of all 'human' as identities define and animate 'complete' human beings. The point is that the identity one assumes or is imposed on one, determines the level of security or insecurity one is exposed to. Hence, individuals through the 'scientific' vocation could live a fulfilled life within the society and create an avenue whereby the technological innovation will work for peace rather than be objects of disorder and discord in the local and global arena.

The central concern of the humanities, therefore, is to build a society in which people can live according to higher (human and humane) principles guided by critical outlook to life, dialogue, humanism, imaginative and logical reasoning, fair play and social justice in relation to the application of science and technology. That is, the concern of the humanities is to guarantee the indispensable and proper character formation of human beings. Thus, a humanistic view of the world seeks to build a conception of personal, social and institutional responsibility, which makes all concerned groups to act in ways that are conducive to the common good, human relations and conduct.

Therefore, an appeal is made for distinguished contributions to the quest for human security and development in Africa in distinctive chosen areas of specialised theory and knowledge aligning with the general theme of the forth-coming edition, which will be worthy of insightful and incisive national and global intellectual attention.

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