Editorial

The changing global socio-political trends have necessitated emergence of new areas of studies and research in the humanities and social sciences. Besides language, literature and culture, ecofeminism has emerged as an important area of interest. The eighth volume of *Ars Artium* offers research papers entitled" Gender Exploitation in Igboland: Exploring Stories from Lejja *Omaba* Chant and *Americanah* by Chimamanda Adichie" by Dr. Uchechukwu Evelyn MADU;" Hyphenated Identities in M. G. Vassanji's *The In-Between World of Vikram Lall"* by Ms. Krupa Sophia Jeyachandran and Dr. Urvashi Kaushal; "Dealing with Monstrous Identities in Ahmed Saadawi's *Frankenstein in Baghdad"* by Mr. Somedutta Mukherjee"; "The Conflict Between Traditional and Modern Awarenes in Anita Desai's *Voices in the City"* by Mr. Vinay Kumar Dubey; "Greek Oedipus' 'Story and the Ethiopian Skendes' Story" by Prof. Chiramel Paul Jose; and "Ecofeminism in Indian Fiction: A Select Study" by Dr. V. Pala Prasada Rao, Mr. Palepu Srinivas and Mr. Ganta Srinivasulu.

Peace Studies has become a very important area of studies in the wake of conflicts between different nations, increase of violence on the names of religions and races, use of military actions, 'trade war', and 'sanctions against some countries.' The environment of distrust, mistrust and fear of future wars have resulted in amassing arms and ammunition. So there is a need of creating mutual trust, and respect for one another's race, region and religion. In this respect we have published two book reviews: *IFLAC Anti-War and Peace Anthology* (2018) edited by Ada Aharoni and Vijay Kumar Roy and *From the Nile to the Jordan* (2017) written by Ada Aharoni. Both books have been reviewed by Mr. Toni Matthias Mey. The first book brims with articles, interviews, poems and paintings contributed by the peace lovers of two dozen countries, all based on spreading peace, love and mutual trust. The second book by Aharoni also seeks the possible ways for establishing peace between two nations.

We have good poems on different themes contributed by eight poets from India, Israel, Canada and the USA. I believe, this volume of *Ars Artium* will be very useful to the readers as were previous ones.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and fruitful New Year 2020!

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