

## PREFACE TO THE EDITION

The **International Journal of Social Science Research Studies** presents its forthcoming issue, featuring a diverse collection of research that examines some of the most urgent social, political, environmental, and cultural questions shaping the contemporary world. The articles in this volume demonstrate how interdisciplinary scholarship can illuminate complex human experiences, bridge historical and modern realities, and provide deeper insight into the structures that govern societies.

The issue opens with a study on *youth activism and public policy*, revealing how young citizens are reshaping democratic processes through strategic mobilization, digital engagement, and intergenerational claims of justice. The discussion then shifts to a long historical view in a comparative analysis of *ancient civilizations and climate change*, highlighting how environmental disruption and social vulnerability continue to shape human societies today.

A critical examination of the *spatial distribution of poverty* in developing nations demonstrates how geography, infrastructure, and institutional capacity reinforce cycles of deprivation, urging policymakers to adopt spatially targeted interventions. An international historical perspective emerges again in *Entangled Empires*, which explores diplomacy, cultural exchange, and knowledge circulation across the Ottoman, Safavid, Qing, and Habsburg worlds—challenging the idea that empires interacted only through conflict.

The final articles address pressing modern concerns: *citizenship in the digital age* interrogates the tension between digital participation and surveillance, while *socioeconomic stratification and healthcare access* reveals how inequality persists even within advanced health systems, shaping life chances through structural exclusion.

Together, these contributions offer a powerful reminder that social science is indispensable to understanding the past, interpreting the present, and preparing for the future. The editorial board extends sincere appreciation to the authors, reviewers, and readers who continue to support the mission of IJSSRS. We hope this issue inspires further dialogue, critical inquiry, and meaningful action in the pursuit of a more informed and equitable world.

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