

Editorial

Welcome to Volume 3, Issue 2 of the Journal of African Real Estate Research. This will be my final issue as Editor-in-Chief of JARER, and it has been a great pleasure to be a part of the journal's recent relaunch. I am very confident of the journal's continued success under the stewardship of my successor who will be announced in the new year. I am very grateful for the opportunity to play such an important role in the advancement of real estate research on the African continent.

This issue we have introduced an exciting new addition to the journal which is to include research notices to provide a platform for researchers to inform the broader community of projects that they are working on. We hope that through this forum the journal may be able to link the research community as well as increase interest in ongoing research.

The first research note comes from Jonas Hahn and Professor Karl-Werner Schulte from the International Real Estate Business School (IRE|BS) who discuss their work in creating greater visibility for African academics' research via the creation of a database. AfRES is actively engaging with this database project to strengthen the resources available to researchers across the continent

A further research note was submitted by Rachel Mirembe and Professor François Viruly from the University of Cape Town who highlight their ongoing research project which sets out to better define a curriculum reflective of an African real estate body of knowledge.

In this issue we showcase a number of high-quality research publications relating to a variety of pertinent real estate related topics in Africa. The first article by Chukwuemeka Ogbu and Patience Iruobe compares informal and formal land administration systems in Lagos State and propose the development of a hybrid system that seeks to optimise the merits and minimise the challenges of the two systems of land administration. Funlola Famuyiwa uses hedonic price modelling to study the impact of environmental amenities on residential rentals in Lagos. In the following article, Lucky Kabanga and Professor Manya Mooya examine compensation theory and analyse the applicability of these theories when dealing with customary property rights. Basirat Oyalowo, Timothy Nubi and Taibat Lawanson discuss the possibility of co-operative societies in delivering affordable formal housing at scale in Lagos. Ndubisi Onwuanyi examines the unusually high residential property values in Abuja and compares them to Lagos, finding that residential real estate prices in Abuja are difficult to associate with value. Jonathan Adama and Professor Kathy Michell look at the adoption of technological innovation in facilities management and examine the impact that this may have on the social sustainability of facilities management professionals. Lastly, Ayobami Abayomi Popoola, Moruf Alabi, Adeshina Ojo and Bamiji Adeleye study household responses to the high rates of burglary in Ibadan, Nigeria.

Once again, a huge thanks to the production team, journal manager and assistant editor who have made the revival of JARER a possibility. Their attention to detail and passion for upholding the integrity and quality of the journal is second to none. I would also like to acknowledge the generous financial contributions of the IRE|BS at Regensburg University, Germany who have helped ensure that the journal remains operational. Lastly, thank you to the authors for submitting their work to the journal and for their efforts during the publication process.

Best wishes,
Dr. Felician Komu
Editor-in-Chief

