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Editor's Note

The Crossing the Border is pleased to announce it has expanded its publication with a new journal entitled *International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*. The new journal will be published along with *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*. Both journals will go online on the same page as sister publications. New journals will be added to the list in future.

The first issue of International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences consists of eight articles by both national and international authors that cover diverse topics related to the areas of humanities and social sciences.

The article “National Security of Nepal: Threats, Challenges and Solutions” by Dr. Uma Nath Baral explores the challenges of Nepal in the issues related to the national security and tries to address them by making an intensive study of the security systems prevalent in the country. He argues that the existing security systems in Nepal can be used to determine viable security options in future.

Todd Wallenius, in his article entitled “Contextualizing Perceptions of STEM Curriculum among Secondary Educators in Nepal,” explores how Nepali secondary level educators understand the STEM curriculum of the US and contextualize the STEM curriculum's perceptions within the changing context of Nepal.

An article on the urban housing development program based in Nigeria by Dr. Chinatu M. Ugbogu unfolds the neglected issue of urban housing delivery system that was successful in its early years of operation.

The rest of the others by Dr. Min Pun, Dilu Gurung, Badri Prasad Pokharel, and Ram Prasad Rai, Dr. T.S. Ramesh, and V. Thamilselvi fall into the category of literary theory, literature and culture. Together, they develop a deeper awareness of the use of language and human experience. Apart from this, they also indicate the complexity of diverse texts in terms of plots, themes, characters, or cultural variations.