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The articles in this issue touch on four important aspects of contemporary African scholarship, namely, the metaphysical foundation of Nkrumah's political thought, the place of kinship structures in the promotion of social justice, the ethical implications of legislation on genetically modified organisms, and the nature of African aesthetics.

Emmanuel Ifeanyi Ani advances the view that Kwame Nkrumah's attempt to use emergentism to reconcile theism with materialism is not only ultimately unsuccessful, but is actually not conceptually feasible.

For Alade Adetayo Oludare, the formulation of a clear conception of social justice is pivotal to the development of sustainable democratic systems of government in contemporary Sub-Saharan African states. According to Oludare, the conception of