

From the Editorial Desk

It is presidential election time in the United States. The “Dewey Defeats Truman” fallacy reminds us that political predictions based on media polls, sometimes, can be unreliable. There is, therefore, understandable fear and uncertainty as citizens prepare to face four more years of *trumpism* or an unpredictable future with *bidenism*. As the world and the U.S. struggle to stop COVID19’s rampage on lives, Mehdi Shariati uses his economic prism to review the country where the coronavirus pandemic originated. Mehdi’s research discusses key issues in China’s economic policy in the context of global capitalism during the past four decades of openness and engagement with the world. More importantly, Dr. Shariati discusses China’s strategy of rapprochement to global political economy, its critical role in global accumulation process and the plight of workers in the age of artificial intelligence and growing internal contradictions.

In this edition, also, we publish a book review on global security:

Title: *Bloodlessly* (2020)

Author: Ewa Unoke

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This is a book about state power, world government, and security. Dr. Unoke begins the book with four known victims of state power. Next, he writes of how “the universal purpose of politics is security” (Unoke, 2020, p. 23). He also speaks of the nation-states, of which there are 195 recognized in the world today. These states can have many allies and many enemies, and these can change with the times. However, the permanent interests, or national interests, of the nation-states do not waiver. National interests can “sometimes differ from country to country, however, there are three basic interests which govern the choices and foreign policy decisions of both the developing and developed countries: ideological, economic, and security interests” (Unoke, 2020, p. 29). Finally, he considers the idea of collective security...