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Journal Name:	Asian Research Journal of Arts & Social Sciences
Manuscript Number:	Ms_ARJASS_131277
Title of the Manuscript:	“Decolonizing Peace: Why African Traditions Hold a Key to Lasting Harmony”
Type of the Article	Research article

PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer’s comment Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.	Author’s Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This article fills a critical knowledge gap in peace science. It advances theoretical and empirical research on an important question in the field of conflict resolution and peacebuilding contextually. Observing the increasing and persistent violent conflicts and insecurity in Africa despite the use of western mechanisms for conflict resolution and peacebuilding, the author interrogates the compatibility and effectiveness of these western approaches within the African realities. As such, the author challenges African scholars, universities, politicians and other key stakeholders to rethink conflict resolution and peacebuilding from an African indigenous perspective in order to enable local ownership and sustainability of peace processes in Africa. Therefore, the need to “Decolonize Peace” in Africa. Hence the article promotes the African Agency by advocating for “African solutions to African problems”. So instead of imposing western-style approaches, the more suitable thing to do is to remodel the “modern/western” approach to conflict resolution and peacebuilding by integrating the values of “African communalism” (I am because you are) for more unity, harmony and sustainable peace rather than “western individualism”: (you are because I am) which is at the heart of many divisions and violent conflicts in African societies.	Noted and corrected
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	NO The focus of the main title is on peace not harmony. So the sub-topic should focus on peace not mere harmony. I would even prefer the term “sustainable peace”. So the suggested title is either 1 or 2: 1. Decolonizing Peace: Why African Traditions Hold a Key to Sustainable Peace in Africa. Or 2. Decolonizing Peace in Africa: Why African Traditions Hold a Key to Sustainable Peace.	Noted and corrected
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	Yes. However, it has a few technical and grammatical errors. See original article with track changes.	Revised
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	Yes Despite some few methodological and technical issues, the research articles meet the required scientific standard for published articles. It is theoretically and empirically sound and original.	Revised
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	Yes. However, there are some irregularities in the citations and some serious technical issues with the reference list especially as concerns the titles of book and journal articles, place of publication and publisher etc. For details, see original article with comments/track changes.	Noted and corrected

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Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	Yes, in most cases. (However, there is a major issue with academic writing : Too much repetition of the same ideas and not pushing the analysis further).	Noted and corrected
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The author should consult the original article with tracked changes for more detailed review comments that require some serious attention.	Noted and corrected

PART 2:

	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<u>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</u>	