

THE JOURNAL OF HUMAN, FAMILY AND GENDER STUDIES: MERGING TOWARD NEW DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Implementing Resolution No. 18-NQ/TW dated 25/10/2017 of the Sixth Meeting of the XII Central Committee on a number of issues on continuing to innovate and reorganize the organization of the lean political system, effective and efficient operation; the plan to arrange, streamline and reorganize the organization of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences in the direction of interdisciplinary and improve the quality of scientific activities, the Institute of Human Studies and the Institute of Family and Gender Studies have been merged into the Institute of Human, Family and Gender Studies. On that basis, the Journal of Human Studies and the Journal of Family and Gender Studies - two scientific publications of the two Institutes - were also merged into the Journal of Human, Family and Gender Studies. This merger is not only structural, but also represented a strategic vision in building an interdisciplinary scientific forum, connecting scientists, and showcasing social science and humanities achievements in the field of Human, Family and Gender studies.

1. Inheritance to continue growing

The Journal of Human, Family and Gender Studies is the voice of the Institute of Human, Family and Gender Studies, was established from the merger of two journals with a long development history of more than 30 years.

The Journal of Human Studies was established in 2002, after more than two decades of establishment and development, it was affirmed as one of the leading prestigious scientific journals in publishing theoretical and practical research results on human studies. Many works published in the journal have contributed to explaining and clarifying the core issues of human beings, human development, human resources, human rights, human security, and the relationship between human and development, etc. Up to the time before the merger, the Journal of Human Studies was published 137 issues of bi-monthly Vietnamese version, corresponding to a year of 6 issues; The printing frame of the journal was 19 cm x 27 cm; Number of pages: 80 pages.

The Journal of Family and Gender Studies (formerly known as the Scientific Journal of Women) was established in 1990 and the English version

(Vietnam Journal of Family and Gender Studies) was published in 2002. Up to the time before the merger, the Vietnamese version of the journal was published of 3 months term (4 issues per year), with 124 pages, size 19 x 27cm and the English version was published 12 months term (1 issue per year), 96 pages, 19 x 27cm frame (the number of published Vietnamese version was 176 issues and English version was 43 issues). With nearly 35 years of development, the Journal has affirmed itself as one of the leading scientific journals publishing theoretical and practical research results on family, gender, women, the elderly and children, etc. serving theoretical research, policy making and training.

The two predecessor journals made important contributions to the formation of a knowledge foundation on human, family and gender studies, as well as providing scientific arguments for the formulation and policy making contributing to the development of the country. The contributions of the two journals had been recognized by the State Council for Professorship by scoring in 8 departmental/interdisciplinary councils for the Journal of Human Studies (Interdisciplinary Philosophy - Sociology - Politics: 1.0 points (Philosophy and Sociology), 0.75 points (Political Science); Interdisciplinary History - Archaeology - Ethnology/Anthropology: 0.75 points; Interdisciplinary Culture - Arts - Physical Education and Sports: 0.75 points; Educational Sciences: 0.5 points; Psychology: 0.25 points; Linguistics: 0.25 points; Law: 0.25 points and Economics: 0.25 points) and 4 majors for the Journal of Family and Gender Studies (Interdisciplinary Philosophy - Sociology - Politics: 0.75 points; Educational Sciences: 0.25 points; Psychology: 0.5 points; Economics: 0.25 points). The merger of the two journals does not lose the values and identities of each one, but on the contrary, creates a more comprehensive academic space with a combination of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary science in accordance with the new development context of the country and the world.

2. Development orientation

On the basis of inheriting and promoting the achievements of the two predecessor journals, in the coming period, the Journal of Human, Family and Gender Studies will focus on the following key development directions:

Firstly, continue to affirm its position as a leading prestigious scientific journal in publishing theoretical and practical research results on human, family

and gender studies. It is a reliable address that provides scientific arguments for the formulation and policy making of human, family and gender in Vietnam.

Secondly, constantly improve the quality of works published in the journal. At the same time, standardize the process of reviewing, editing and publishing according to international practices, moving towards the digital publishing process to meet the requirements of the digital transformation.

Thirdly, promote cooperation with other scientific journals, research institutes, universities, agencies and organizations to connect and disseminate knowledge, provide scientific arguments for policy formulation and improvement. Thereby, creating a bridge between research, training and policy consulting, contributing to the application of research results in state management and social development.

Fourthly, in addition to publishing periodic issues, the journal will have in-depth research topics on human and human development, human rights and human security, family and family transformation, gender equality, gender and development, etc.

On the occasion of the first issue, the Journal of Human, Family and Gender Studies in particular and the Institute of Human, Family and Gender Studies in general would like to express our deep gratitude to the Board of Chairman of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences over the periods, the members of the Editorial Board of the two journals prior to the merger, and especially to many authors who have consistently shown interest, support, and collaboration with the Journal in recent years. Entering a new stage of development, the Journal of Human, Family and Gender Studies looks forward to continuing to receiving the attention, support and submissions of scientists, experts, policy makers, lecturers, doctoral candidates and other contributors.

The journal believes that, building on the strong legacy and the solid foundation of the two pre-merged journals, with the interdisciplinary Editorial Board comprising leading scientists, a professional editorial team and an extensive network of collaborators, the Journal of Human, Family and Gender Studies will continue to grow and develop steadily.

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