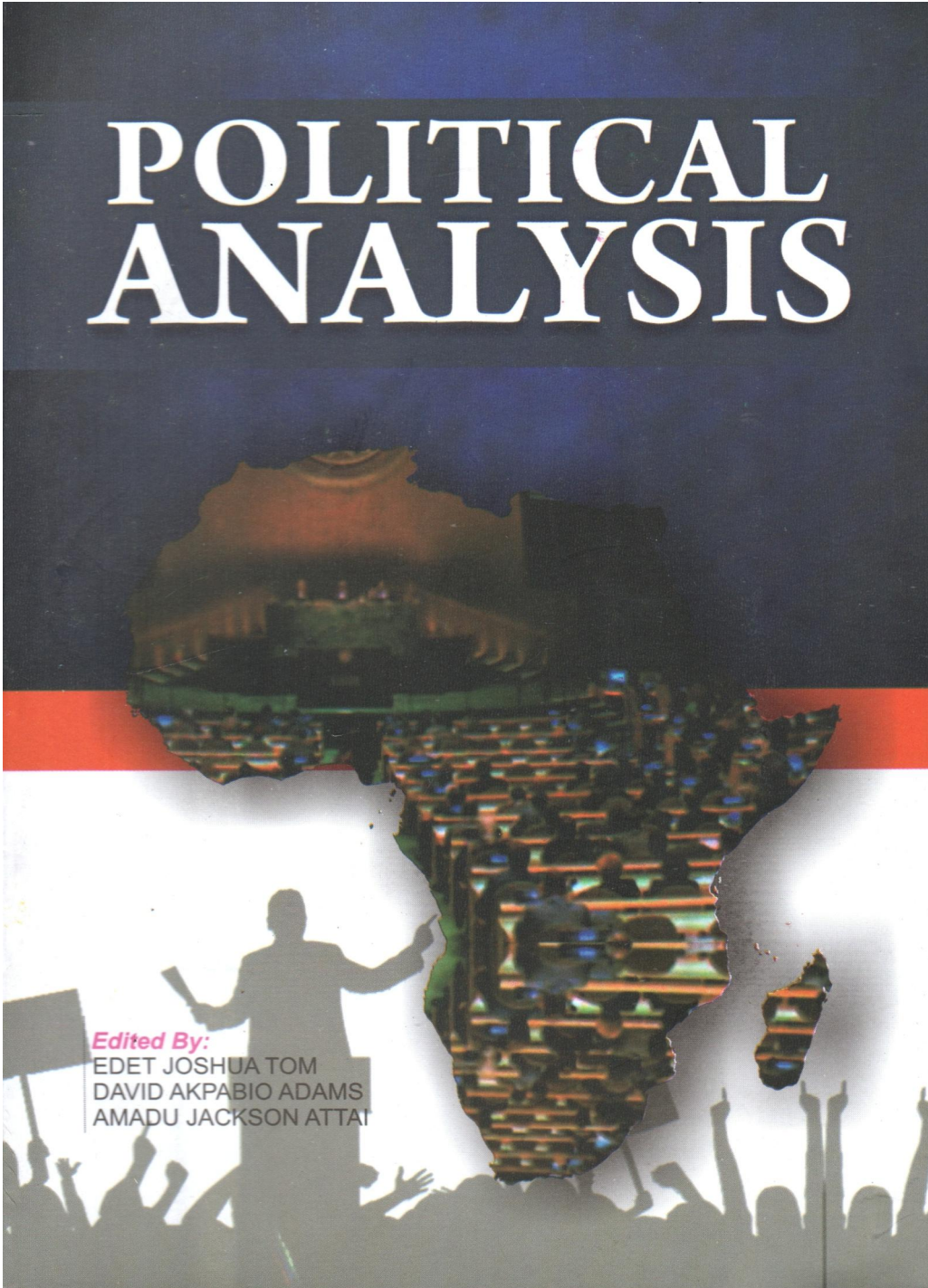


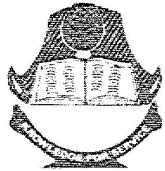
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PREFACE

Political Analysis is a core course in the field of political science since most of the basic concepts of politics are embedded in it. The volume discusses the basic concepts of politics and analyses the political phenomena as they relate to different political systems. It covers core syllabus for Introduction to Political Analysis and some aspects of Contemporary Political Analysis in Nigerian universities.

The book contains seventeen chapters carefully selected to cover the entire facets of the subject matter. The essence of doing this is to expose readers to some basic concepts of politics such as power, authority, influence, legitimacy, etc. The regimes types and structures as well as representational institutions, political participation and political culture are given appropriate attention.

We do not claim any originality in writing this book. Since this is an introductory book, the primary idea is to present – with great clarity in an assimilable form – the subject matter originally developed by eminent writers in the field. The citations inside the volumes and references at the end of each presentation constitute the primary source for the theories and concepts covered in the book.

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