

## 2024 SCIMAGO JOURNAL RANKING - JoALLS RANKED Q1

SCImago Journal Ranking (SJR) has released its ranking of scientific journals for 2024. In the latest ranking, the Journal of African Languages and Literary Studies (JoALLS), which we started in 2020, and was indexed by SCOPUS in 2024, was ranked Q1, the highest quartile ranking a journal can get. SJR ranking is a measure of the prestige of scholarly journals which takes into account both the number of citations received by a journal and the prestige of the journals where those citations come from.

SJR, which is based on the SCOPUS database, ranks journals using the metrics Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 (among several other metrics like H-Index). Q1 journals are those which are ranked the top 25% in their category; Q2 are those ranked between 26% and 50% in their category; Q3 are those ranked between 51% and 75% in their category while Q4 are those ranked between 76% and 100%.

To be ranked at all is an achievement, for JOALLS to be ranked Q1 in its debut on SCImago Journal Ranking is something we are not taking for granted. The general belief is that only old journals from the global North are ranked in the Q1 category.

We are obviously elated by this, and would like to congratulate the editor and members of the Editorial Board of the journal, our ever dutiful staff, the contributors and reviewers for the journal as well as our well-wishers and critics. Of course we are mindful of the fact that the journey is a long one, that the destination is still very far away, and that there are still wide rooms for improvement.

### **B: How Our Other Scopus Journals Fared in the Latest Ranking**

2) [African Renaissance](#) : Q3 (same as in 2023)

3) [Journal of African Union Studies](#) Q4 (Down from Q3 in 2023)

4) [African Journal of Business and Economic Research](#) Q4 ( same as last year). The ranking of AJBER, our most popular journal, which receives over 50 submissions a week, and is generally regarded as the toughest of our journals to publish in, has continued to raise questions among many people.

5) [Journal of Somali Studies](#) Q3 (down from Q2 in 2023)

6) [Journal of African Films and Diaspora Studies](#) Q2 (same as in 2023)

7) [African Journal of Religion, Philosophy and Culture](#) Q2 ( the journal was indexed by SCOPUS in 2024 and made its debut in the SJR's 2024 ranking as Q2).

8) [African Journal of Law and Justice System](#)

This was accepted by SCOPUS this year and is still going through the on-boarding processes, and therefore missed this year's ranking.