



Editor's Pick: 2019's Best Stories

By The Elephant

BEST *of* 2019

As we start the new year, The Elephant editors have looked at some of their favourite stories over the past year, that stirred debate, provoked thought and produced new knowledge to the ongoing re-imagining of state and society. It was a great year of exceptional work for the knowledge platform and as part of The Elephant's Editor's Pick series for 2019, here are some of the best works.

1.

[BBI: A Ploy to Subvert Democracy through Deception](#)

2.

[Body Shaming in Prophet Owuor's Misogynistic Ministry](#)

3.

[The New Frontier for Development and the Politics of Negation in Northern Kenya](#)

4.

[BBI: From “We the People” to “Fix the People”](#)

5.

[An IMF Straightjacket Is a Fitting End to Jubilee’s Reign of Hubris, Blunder, Plunder, Squander and Abracadabra](#)

6.

[Speak of Me as I Am: Ethiopia, Native Identities and the National Question in Africa](#)

7.

[Why I’m No Longer Talking to Kikuyus About Tribe](#)

8.

[Am I Going Mad: A Reflection on Mental Health in Kenya](#)



9.

[Reckoning with 400 Years: Remembrance, Resilience, Responsibility, Reparations and Redemption](#)

10.

[A Diary of a Young African Man](#)

11.

[In Search of Grandmother's Osuga Seeds](#)

12.

[The Ones Who Are, But Don't Exist: Being Nubian, and Kenyan](#)

13.

[Brazen II: I Am Not Your Cow](#)

14.

[We Are Doctors, We Don't Die: A Damascus Moment on a Kenyan Highway](#)



15.

[Battle of Ideas: The Social Responsibility of Intellectuals in Building Counter-Hegemonies](#)

16.

[Preeclampsia: The “Silent Killer” Stalking Expectant Mothers](#)

17.

[Toa Kitambulisho! Evolution of Registration of Persons in Kenya](#)

18.

[The Unwinnable War: How the Myth of an ‘Institutional’ Solution Has Hobbled the Fight Against Graft and Wasted Time and Resources](#)

19.

[Ayub Ogada: The Passing of a Nyatiti Evangelist](#)

20.

[Twelking as Resistance: Peeling Back the Ethic of Wamlambezi](#)



21.

[The Life and Mind of Ali Zaidi](#)

22.

[Eliud Kipchoge: The Making of a World Champion](#)

23.

[No Longer at Ease: Uthamaki, Uhuru and a Dream Deferred](#)

24.

[Knowing Binyavanga](#)

25.

<https://www.theelephant.info/culture/2019/11/28/the-boy-from-tandale-the-rise-of-diamond-and-his-w-asafi-record-label/>

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