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Within the framework of the regular publications of the *Journal of International Economics and Trade*, Volume 07, Issue 01, Serial Issue No. 07, is presented to you. Maintaining the same pattern and commitment that the journal's editorial board has upheld since its founding, and driven by its young team's desire to elevate the journal to better rankings, the serial publication has been maintained periodically and regularly. Continuous efforts are made to register the journal in international databases and adhere to publishing ethics and the quality of peer review, so that the journal may attain an appropriate international standing among its peers in a global context that recognizes only serious, rigorous scientific research. This issue includes ten published scientific papers within the journal's fields of specialization, authored by researchers from various university institutions.

In this context, the first article, titled **"A Critique of the Theory of Unequal Exchange,"** examines the theory of unequal exchange in international political economy, focusing on critiquing its analytical foundations and underlying assumptions, aiming to assess its relevance for explaining contemporary economic relations and offering a developmental perspective on the theory.

The second paper in this issue, **"The Role of Islamic Investment Funds in Activating the Islamic Financial Market,"** highlights contemporary Islamic financial instruments, focusing on the vital role of Islamic investment funds, aiming to analyze how they contribute to deepening and activating the Islamic financial market and increasing its competitiveness.

Meanwhile, the third paper, titled **"Desert Agricultural Investment and its Contribution to Agricultural Development and Achieving Food Security in Algeria,"** explores investment strategies in desert areas, focusing on evaluating their developmental impact on the agricultural sector, aiming to measure their contribution to achieving national food security and enhancing food sovereignty.

The fourth study, titled **"Stimulating Investments in Dryland Agriculture: Policies and Challenges,"** addresses mechanisms for attracting capital to agriculture in arid regions, focusing on analyzing government policies and structural obstacles, aiming to propose a comprehensive framework for overcoming challenges and attracting sustainable investments.

The fifth paper, titled **"Analysis of Climate Change Through Drought Tracking in the Algerian Steppes,"** addresses extreme climate phenomena, focusing on monitoring and analyzing drought patterns in the Algerian steppe region, aiming to understand its environmental and social impacts and lay foundations for adapting to climate change.

The sixth study, titled **"Information and Communication Technology and its Role in Achieving Food Security in Algeria and its Sustainability,"** highlights the digital transformation in the agricultural sector, focusing on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) applications, aiming to explore their crucial role in ensuring the sustainability of food security by improving efficiency and productivity.

The seventh study, titled **"Directing Investment in Smart Agriculture to Develop Algerian Desert Farming,"** examines the model of smart agriculture as a lever for development, focusing on mechanisms for directing financing and investment towards this field in desert environments, aiming to achieve a qualitative leap in the productivity and resilience of desert agriculture.

In the eighth paper of the issue, titled **"Supporting Agricultural Activity and Risk Management in Algeria: Between Government Measures and Insurance Coverage,"** the focus is on risk management in the agricultural sector, comparing the effectiveness of direct support tools with agricultural insurance mechanisms, aiming to formulate an integrated model for protecting farmers and ensuring production stability.

The ninth research paper, titled **"The Policy of Developing Industrial Agriculture in Algerian Desert Lands,"** examines the extent of the shift towards industrial agriculture, focusing on policies

followed to develop this sector in the desert, aiming to assess its effectiveness in achieving added value and local economic development.

The final study in this issue, titled **"Towards Enhancing Agricultural Development in Algeria Using Red Worm Technology for Organic Waste Recycling,"** presents an innovative environmental solution, focusing on red worm composting technology (vermicompost), aiming to present it as a practical model for enhancing agricultural productivity.

Finally, the results of these studies collectively present a comprehensive and multi-dimensional vision of development challenges and opportunities, especially in the economic and agricultural fields. The key findings can be summarized in the following points:

1. The Need to Review Theoretical and Policy Frameworks: The critical study of the unequal exchange theory suggests that traditional analytical frameworks may need development to explain more complex international economic relations. This is reflected locally in studies calling for a review of agricultural and investment policies to make them more comprehensive and effective.

2. The Importance of Specialized Finance and Financial Tools: The papers emphasize the pivotal role of appropriate financing mechanisms (such as Islamic funds, smart investment, and agricultural insurance) in activating markets, mobilizing resources, and protecting producers, which is a fundamental pillar for any sustainable development.

3. The Strategic Centrality of Desert and Arid Regions: The vast majority of studies agree that these regions not only represent an environmental and economic challenge but also constitute a genuine future lever for food security and economic development in Algeria, provided new approaches are adopted.

4. Technological Solutions and Innovation as a Fundamental Approach: Recommendations strongly highlight the role of modern technologies (smart agriculture, ICT, biotechnologies like red worms) as indispensable solutions for enhancing productivity, rationalizing the use of scarce resources, adapting to climate change, and ensuring sustainability.

5. Integrated Approaches to Risk and Challenge Management: The need emerges for an integrated governance model that combines supportive government policies, effective market mechanisms, risk management tools (like insurance), and applied scientific research to face the intertwined challenges of climate and economy.

6. Emphasis on the Environmental Dimension and Sustainability: The results clearly link achieving food security and agricultural development on one hand, with environmental protection and restoring its balance (combating desertification, managing organic waste, adapting to drought) on the other, turning sustainability from a slogan into a practical condition for success.

In short, these research papers conclude that achieving resilient and sustainable agricultural and economic development, especially in fragile environments, necessitates a transformative shift based on: reviewing policies, directing smart investment, adopting appropriate technological innovation, embracing integrated risk management systems, and placing environmental sustainability at the core of strategic planning.

These researches remain expressions of their authors' opinions, presenting different scientific approaches while respecting established scientific standards during research treatment. Finally, we renew our invitation to esteemed researchers to contribute to the journal's upcoming issues and wish for the continuity of this scientific knowledge platform, which remains in service to researchers of all backgrounds and intellectual and cognitive currents in the fields of economics, management, and commerce.

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