

## IN THIS ISSUE

In presenting the results of the 'Brand South Africa' project as a special focus, this issue of the *Strategic Review for Southern Africa* has even more to offer than normal. The work of the guest editors is gratefully acknowledged and they will introduce the contributions to the project in more detail in the pages that follow. The journal is proud to have such a wealth of insights to share.

The other articles in this volume provide additional perspectives to this special thematic focus: *Albert Edgar Manyuchi* looks at selected countries on the continent and critically assesses their governance of foreign direct investment. This stocktake highlights the need for careful assessments, if and when governance matters when attracting external economic interests to establish businesses and generate profit, and how best to reconcile potentially adverse interests.

While *Evert Jordaan* has a closer look at collective security in Africa, *Siphamandla Zondi* scrutinises the notion of human security in the sub-region. Both analyses add further insights to one of the continuous core themes of this journal. In doing so, they also document the various aspects and dimensions of security that need to be considered.

Also in a regional perspective, *Roger Southall* revisits the middle class debate and provides critical questions to its relevance for a profound class analysis. The focus on social formations is at the same time a reminder that security matters also relate to socio-economic aspects of societies and that human security has to do with wellbeing and the ability to offer a social contract with which citizens can identify.

The two essays in this issue offer thought-provoking reflections on themes of current relevance and at least indirectly relate to the special focus on branding South Africa: *Chielozona Eze* brings back some essentials of the Mandela legacy, which have seemingly been forgotten, from the point of view of a senior African scholar. *Anye Nyamnjoh* offers the perspective of a young African scholar directly confronted with the recent student protests on South African university campuses and engages with a contested, if not controversial, matter involving the forms and targets of social protest in the Rhodes Must Fall campaign at the University of Cape Town.

We are delighted that this issue documents a blend of perspect-

ives, which testifies to the broad and stimulating scope of interventions we are able to offer in this journal over time. The *Strategic Review for Southern Africa* will continue to provide a forum for exchanges and looks forward to receiving more explorations into our economic, social, political and cultural realities, which are all contributing factors to the state of human security and social (in)stability.

On a more personal internal note there has been a change in the journal's core team: at the end of 2016 *Sandy Africa* left the Department of Political Sciences to join the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) as Assistant Director and Head of the Sub-Saharan Africa Division. We sincerely thank her for her years of reliable support to this journal and will miss her. At the same time we would like to congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition and wish her well. We are delighted to welcome *Siphamandla Zondi*, who has joined the Department of Political Sciences to fill the gap Sandy has left. He does so also in the editorial group. His article in this issue had already been submitted, reviewed and accepted for publication before he was appointed in his current position at the University.

Finally, Wilma Martin, editorial manager of the journal, will retire at the end of May 2017. For 30 years Wilma has managed the technical aspects related to the journal and her departure will leave the editorial team much poorer. We profoundly thank Wilma for three decades of meticulous and professional service to the journal and the Department of Political Sciences at the University of Pretoria. We wish her the very best for the future and are pleased that she has agreed to continue to share her knowledge, expertise and experience with us.

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