



EDITORIAL

TOWARD A NEW PHASE: Global South from South America

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In this issue, I begin my work as the editor of Global South—Sephis e-magazine. I have the privilege of continuing the work done by Samita Sen and Shamil Jeppie, the previous editors, over the past ten years. The editorial office operated in Calcutta University, India, and had a lively team that led the journal during a decade in a brilliant manner. With the moving of Sephis HQ to the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, the e-magazine also moved South-South, to Brazil. Now, here in Rio, we have the challenge of trying to further the preceding efforts.

Since its origin, Global South—Sephis e-magazine had offered a unique opportunity for regular dialogue and wider participation of scholars, researchers and students based in countries of the south (Africa, Asia, Latin America, Caribbean and Pacific regions), focusing on contemporary and historical events and processes.

Global South first issue was launched in September 2004, on the occasion of the international workshop on “Contested Nationalisms and the New Statism” in Penang, Malaysia, and included contri-

butions by very established scholars, as Partha Chatterjee and Janaki Nair, side by side with –at that time- young researchers and policy makers such as Maria Laura Guembe, Gairoonisa Paleker, Olarinmoye Omobolaji Ololade, and Claudio Pinheiro.

During its existence, Sephis e-magazine has developed South-South networks, in a very interdisciplinary manner. Since the beginning, its coverage integrates the academic agenda and the public interest. This spirit of joining the more experienced and the younger, of combining academic papers, intervention essays and political and professional experiences gave a special mark to Global South and, in this new phase, we want to keep this spirit alive. In this sense, we kept most of the section that characterized Global South, while including new ones.

This issue begins with an interview with Alexandra Arkhangelskaya, on the importance of researching Africa in Russia. We also present a Dossier on Youth in Latin America, with two papers delivered at the UNESCO MOST School that was held in Brasilia, Brazil, in December 2013.



Jesús Gomez Abarca analyzes the youth movements and protests in Mexico during Enrique Peña Nieto government. Sofía Lachimba discusses youth participation in the public sphere in Ecuador. Graziene Carneiro de Souza, advisor of the Brazilian Secretary of Youth, who co-organized the event, completes the dossier with an essay.

As regular articles, the current issue includes a contribution by Kashaf Ganhi, on Nalanda University. His paper illuminates the originality of this institution. Lexington Matonhodze and Tobias Guzura evaluate the impact of the Zimbabwe National Gender Policy on Gender Mainstreaming in that country, raising thought-provoking questions. In a very interesting paper, David Nchinda Keming analyzes the operations of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Cameroon.

Finally, the section on Across the South contains a photo essay by Felipe Fittipaldi on Ladakh, in the Himalayan border of India, China and Pakistan and the challenges this region is currently facing.

We are now, officially, beginning a new phase for Global South—Sephis e-magazine, from South America. We would like to invite scholars and researchers, both experienced and junior, students, journalists, photographers, policy makers, ONG members, and all those involved in academia and public arena to participate in Global South—Sephis e-magazine. We are opening new sections and we are likely to hear your ideas and share them with our colleagues both in the Global South and North. All in all, as happened during the last decade, Global South—Sephis e-magazine's main goal is to engage in conversations about their many visions of development and history.