



From the Editor

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is my pleasure to bring to everyone the first issue of the ISA eSymposium for this year. The four papers featured in this issue by colleagues from institutions in Hong Kong, Munich, Johannesburg, and Vancouver reflect upon such themes including conflicting notions of fashion and the wider industry, vigilantism, economic organisations and democracy, as well as migration and the politics of belonging.

In the first paper by Tommy Tse from Hong Kong University, he evaluates the fashion media industry in Asian contexts by predicating his arguments on four myths that shed light on paradoxical imaginaries of fashion.

Philipp Zehmisch from Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich discusses the politics of belonging and migration in the context of the Andaman islands in the second paper. He argues that in the formation of diasporic communities, ethnicity as a category becomes politicised through social engineering policy-making.

The third paper is co-authored by Francesco Duina and Tobias Lenz from the UBC and the European University Institute respectively. They present their take on how economic integration and democratic legitimacy deficit in the case of the EU may be extrapolated onto other regional economic organisations such as ASEAN's AFTA and the EAC, among others.

In the final paper by Annie Dupre, she deliberates upon the relation between vigilantism and social control in the context of South Africa vis-à-vis poverty and crime.

Here's a look at some of the articles that are lined up for the July 2016 issue:

- *Heterotopic Proliferation and Poly-physiognomy of Contemporary Urban Space*
Michael Vidalis
- *Neoliberal Politics and Moral Riots in Bolivia's "Black February": Understanding the Transition to Post-Neoliberalism in South America*
Pablo Lapegna
- *Transnational mobility and the changing form and functioning of African family set-ups*
Buyana Kareem

- *Negotiating development at glocalised knowledge interfaces*
Gudrun Lachenmann

I extend a warm invitation to everyone who would like to contribute their papers for future issues and also welcome feedback on these articles. Please do email me if you have ideas, suggestions or queries about the eSymposium.

Thank you all for your support of the ISA eSymposium

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