



From the Editor

Dear colleagues and friends,

It gives me pleasure to present the third and final issue of the ISA eSymposium for 2017. The four essays showcased in this issue are written by colleagues from universities in Cyprus, Poland, India, and Brazil.

In the first essay by Victor Roudometof who is with the Department of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Cyprus, he deliberates on the consequences of globalisation vis-à-vis the post-Communist New World Order. In his discussion, Roudometof problematises the globalisation project alongside globalisation and contends that glocal hybridity as the current regime poses significant problems and concerns for societies across the globe.

Based at the Casimir the Great University in Bydgoszcz, Adam Gwiazda evaluates the impact of the digital revolution and addresses the effects of automation on de-skilling in the second essay. By examining the side effects of digitalisation, the author notes that a re-thinking of the notion of work and the job market is paramount, and where the political realm of social life is a key player in such an economic climate.

In his engagement with contemporary Kashmir politics, Ankur Dutta examines issues revolving around violence, conflict and displacement comprehended through the lens of neo-liberalism. In doing so, he unpacks the notion of 'normalcy' by suggesting that the debate should involve a comprehension of newer ideologies, as well as to take decolonisation in South Asia as a point of departure.

In the fourth and final paper, Edson Rogério Nascimento Cruz from the Federal University of Pará makes a case for querying into the convergent points between the natural and social sciences, and applies the discussion to the context of the quilombola community in the Amazon Marajoara. The author anchors his ruminations upon the theories of recognition and of double inheritance and concludes that as complementary theoretical approaches, these two models are useful in explaining political behaviour.

These are articles that are lined up for the March 2018 issue:

- *The Unhappy Viewer: Heavy Television Viewing, Happiness, Social Interaction and the Situation of the Sociology of the Media*
Iarfhlaith Watson
- *From Liquid Society to Refugee Crisis: Zygmunt Bauman and Psycho-Sociological Mapping of Time*
Suheel Rasool Mir
- *"Selling Your Soul, How Much is Your Soul Worth?": Turkish Knowledge Workers Responding to Neoliberal Self-Management*
Meltem Yilmaz Sener
- *From Hegemony to Ashes: The Political Economy of Portugal's Forest Fires*
Kathleen C. Schwartzman

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 and happy holidays!

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