

## Editorial

South African history has now turned a new page with the election of a representative government in April 1994. *Transformation* seeks to cover critically the changes, political, cultural and social, which will follow from this process in forthcoming issues. Moreover, we have a particular interest in understanding transformation as proposed in the Reconstruction and Development Programme of the ANC-led administration. This can follow from the kind of coverage we have long given to issues concerning political economy in South Africa.

However, we wish as well to throw open our pages to wider and perhaps more abstract debates as well, even when they do not necessarily refer to South Africa directly. This is a new policy for us: previously, we have asked contributors to make sure that articles for submission contain specific content related to South Africa or one of the other countries in the region. We have decided, however, that some other kinds of contributions may well be important in widening debates and extending new ideas into the local sphere. It is on this basis that we have accepted Zarina Maharaj's article, 'Subversive Intent: a social theory of gender'. We will be interested to receive potential articles which can be justified as bringing to bear important theoretical issues or debates into our arena, even if indirectly. It is important that the current emphasis in South Africa on policy questions does not silence broader theoretical and critical perspectives.

We will also consider for publication research reports done in the area of policy studies. We believe that there are areas of policy research that may have been done for a single client but that will have wider interest for our readers.

The editors do stress, however, that academic rigour is asked for and that we will continue with our policy of referring all articles to referees.