

analyses and the solutions they offer differ in fairly important ways. And they should. For ultimately these contributions are offered as sources of debate. It has often been commented that the political transition sapped South African academia of its greatest strength, namely the critical discourse and analysis that graced the pages of academic and political journals at the height of the struggle against apartheid. The editorial board believes that such discourse and debate is crucial if a vibrant democracy that meets the needs of its citizens is to be sustained. Towards that goal, the editorial board offer this edition and the pages of future editions of *Transformation*.

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