

## EDITOR'S NOTE / NOTE DE LA RÉDACTRICE

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We are pleased to present a Special Issue on *Contemporary Colombia: The Continuity of Struggle, La Colombie contemporaine: Persistance des conflits* with the collaboration of James J. Brittain, Guest Editor. As his introduction indicates, in spite of claims of improvements brought about by recent administrations, the struggle continues. It is a struggle that goes beyond the obvious political conflict between governments, revolutionary forces and criminal gangs. Instead it is over the very nature of the country's organization of production that affects everyone especially workers and peasants. The articles demonstrate ongoing problems with the narco-bourgeoisie and the increased growth of foreign capital investment in natural resources that are accompanied by fears of a resource curse and a significant drop in domestic food production.

In addition, we have included a rich set of book reviews that include a look at two of John Saul's recent books, reviewed by Carolyn Bassett who underlines his major contributions to scholarship on Southern Africa and especially the link he maintains between scholarship and social engagement.

We have included this time the list of books available for review and encourage authors to contact us indicating your interest in reviewing any these titles.

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