

EDITOR'S NOTE / NOTE DE LA RÉDACTRICE

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We are pleased to present this Special Issue of *Labour, Capital and Society* as it represents a second collaboration with the International Labour Organization's Global Labour University (GLU)¹. This time it is a collection of several papers from their 2011 conference ably edited by the issue's Contributing Editors Devan Pillay and Lucien van der Walt. They drew on a few of the conference papers to address some of the key issues about labour's political role and organizing challenges. Articles are evenly distributed between Africa, Asia and Latin America which resembles GLU's own diversity with 4 member universities spread between South Africa, India, Brazil and Germany.

You will note a resurgence in our book reviews as some of you responded to the plea we made in the previous issue.

There are several people to be thanked this time. The first is Frank Hoffer of the ILO who has worked for several years for GLU and the ILO, and for making the 2011 conference possible. The conference owes much to the efforts of Michelle Williams and Pulane Dithlake and the conference staff, all at the University of Witwatersrand. We are grateful to the Contributing Editors, authors and reviewers. Once again, Adam Cohn's pictures enhance the issue significantly, this time with pictures of artisanal miners. The copyeditors were Jennifer Wilcox and Jill McPherson; H el ene Dansereau translated the abstracts; Mehjabeen Alarakhia did the layout and visual presentation, and Fiona MacKenzie coordinated everyone's efforts. We owe another debt of gratitude which I have neglected to mention in the past – that is Jenny Kaulback who has managed subscriptions and accounts for the past year. We will miss her greatly as she has left to pursue her studies. We wish her the best of luck.

Endnotes

1. Global Labour University website is www.global-labour-university.org