

Welcome to the first issue of 2020 and the second issue under my editorship. Since the publication of the last issue, the world has changed significantly in ways that we could not have imagined at the beginning of this year.

In this time, when we are trying to chart new ways of working and attempting to define what the new normal is, there is also an expectation for life to continue to provide us with what we are used to. *SAJLIS* is no different, and every person who submits an article for publication has the right to expect that it is published within an acceptable time frame. The journal was faced with a challenge after our previous Editor-in-Chief, Professor Jaya Raju, stepped down from this role. While we advertised for the position to be filled, LIASA initially struggled to find a replacement editor, finally filling the position a year later, in 2019. The delay led to a backlog in bringing the journal to publication, a legacy with which we are still grappling today. We are working to remove this backlog; for now, we are asking everyone who has submitted an article to *SAJLIS* to bear with us as we attempt to do so.

This issue boasts seven articles that cover a broad range of topics, with contributions from within South Africa as well as the wider African continent. *SAJLIS* wishes to congratulate the authors in this issue on publication of their papers and to thank them for their patience and commitment to quality in research and publication.

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