It gives me great pleasure as incoming editor to bring to ISA members the second issue of the ISA eSymposium. The present issue carries four essays which reflect the difficulties and problems that people situated in different socio-cultural and political climates are facing. The first piece is by Alice Nah from the University of York, who discusses the issue of rights for migrant labour in Malaysia. In the next essay by Ralph Premdas, based at the University of the West Indies, he deliberates upon a range of ethno-political conflicts that have taken place around the world in contemporary times. Following from this essay, Sarbeswar Sahoo, who teaches at the Indian Institute of Technology, shares his views on violence against religious minorities in India. The final article featured in this issue is written by Yashoda Rijal who examines the various impacts on health and the economy in Nepal as a result of labour outmigration. This study is based on her ongoing doctoral research carried out at Siegen University in Germany.

I invite contributions and welcome feedback from ISA members. Thank you for your support of the ISA eSymposium.

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