

From the Editor



It gives me great pleasure to bring to ISA members the second issue of the eSymposium (previously the E-Bulletin). This transition has been an exciting one and I am gratified that the first issue has been received favourably by members. The July 2011 issue brings together a diverse set of contributions on a range of critical themes that concern sociologists everywhere. Four essays are featured here, beginning with 'Global Sociology, Live!' by Laleh Behbehani and Michael Burawoy, followed by Theresa W. Devasahayam's notes on 'The Church, The State And The Migrant in Singapore' and Maznah Mohamad's piece entitled 'The Evolution of Syariah And Postcolonial Modernity: Embedding Malay Authority Through Statutory Law' and ending with Valentine M. Moghadam's important contribution on 'The Gender of Democracy: Why It Matters In The Middle East And North Africa.' The *Reflections* segment of the eSymposium carries a nuanced and candid account by Devorah Kalekin-Fishman on her experience of being an officer of the ISA. I would like to highlight that the new digitized format of the eSymposium allows for more immediate feedback by readers, who can now offer commentaries on any of the contributions. There are also possibilities for text contributions that are aural and visual, in addition to the written form. Thank you everyone for all your contributions. I look forward to continued support from ISA members and more importantly contributions to the eSymposium.

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