

## **Editorial Note**

Dear Reader,

Let me start by welcoming you to the inaugural issue of the Somaliland Journal of African States (SJAS). This is a project put together with students and scholars of the Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies of the University of Hargeisa. The scope of the journal is African affairs at large, but with a particular focus on East Africa and the Horn.

This first issue is composed of four articles, selected from the nearly fifteen articles and book review proposals we received when the call for papers was open. The topics covered touch upon a wide range of issues, from the ECOWAS mission in Sierra Leone to the links between ethnicity and violence in Kenyan elections or to migrant domestic workers in South Africa. We hope that you will enjoy reading the articles we are presenting you in this first issue.

A last word of gratitude must go to scholars of IPCS, namely Abdi Zenebe, who welcomed this enterprise with both hands and always ensured our collaboration was cordial, productive and beneficial for all parts involved. The Editors, namely Jorge Campos-Tellez and Moges Demissie, and the anonymous Reviewing Board also worked hard to meet the goals set out for them, contributing to the overall quality of this first issue. Last but not least, I would like to thank the members of Advisory Board for accepting our invitation to join us. I am sure the journal will benefit greatly from their insight and experience.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue.

Kind regards,

Rodrigo Vaz  
Editor-in-Chief, SJAS