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PREFACE

This edition of the *Journal for Contemporary History (JCH)* starts with reflections on the theme of contemporary history. In this section André Wessels, my predecessor as editor, provides a very good critical interpretation of the history of the *JCH* – which have been with us the past 40 years. His contribution is succeeded by an interpretation of the concept of contemporary history by the well-known journalist and historian Leopold Scholtz. This contribution by Scholtz will be the first in a series of forthcoming articles by contributors positioning themselves from different theoretical perspectives. This first section is succeeded by a section on themes in 20th century South African history (with contributions by Tabata, Verhoef, Labuschagne and Van der Westhuizen) and a section on post-1994 South African history (with contributions by Van Eeden and Khaba, Joshua and Greffrath). This edition ends with a section on themes in contemporary African history (with contributions by Shilaho, Simelane, Niyitunga, and Olivier).

Finally, it is with great sadness that we are saying farewell to one of our contributing editors, Pieter Kapp. Professor Kapp (born 1939), a well-respected South African and Afrikaans historian, died on 13 December 2015.

Pieter Duvenage (Editor)

VOORWOORD

Hierdie uitgawe van die *Joernaal vir Eietydse Geskiedenis (JEG)* begin met 'n besinning oor die tema eietydse geskiedenis. In hierdie afdeling gee André Wessels, my voorganger as redakteur, 'n baie goeie kritiese interpretasie van die geskiedenis van die *JEG* – wat reeds 40 jaar met ons is. Sy bydrae word opgevolg deur 'n interpretasie van die begrip eietydse geskiedenis deur die bekende joernalis en historikus Leopold Scholtz. Hierdie bydrae van Scholtz is die eerste in 'n reeks artikels wat vorentoe deur ander bydraers vanuit verskillende teoretiese gesigspunte benader sal word. Hierna volg 'n afdeling oor temas in die 20ste-eeuse Suid-Afrikaanse geskiedenis (met bydraes deur Tabata, Verhoef, Labuschagne en Van der Westhuizen) en 'n afdeling oor temas in post-1994 Suid-Afrikaanse geskiedenis (met bydraes deur Van Eeden en Khaba, Joshua en Greffrath). Hierdie uitgawe word dan met 'n afdeling oor temas in eietydse Afrika-geskiedenis (met bydraes deur Shilaho, Simelane, Niyitunga en Olivier) afgesluit.

Laastens is dit met leedwese dat ons afskeid neem van een van ons medewerkende redakteurs, Pieter Kapp. Professor Kapp (gebore 1939), 'n gerespekteerde Suid-Afrikaanse en Afrikaanse historikus, is op 13 Desember 2015 oorlede.

Pieter Duvenage (Redakteur)