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From the outset, one of the aims of this journal has been to encourage and promote research in, from, and about the Global South. So we are especially pleased to present an issue whose contributors span the globe, addressing themes of special relevance to the less developed world.

The focus section on "Collective Memories of Colonial Violence" assembled by Chiara Volpato and Laurent Licata offers profound insights into sociopsychological aspects of the discussion concerning national apologies and compensation for historical wrongs that began decades ago but has become particularly widely and heatedly discussed of late, most notably in the form of the Australian government's apology to the Australian aborigines.

Our open section this time fortuitously links in with both these themes, with two contributions concerning the Horn of Africa—whose Italian colonial past is addressed in the focus section. Gebremariam Woldemicael discusses the relationship between fertility and military conflict in Eritrea, while Bekele Hundie explores intergroup conflicts in Ethiopia.

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