

This Special Issue on Revenues, Rule and Redistribution showcases our new cover and layout design.

The Editors decided it was time for a makeover at their first face to face meeting since the outbreak of Covid 19, held in March 2022, as part of a general re-evaluation of the status and direction of *Transformation*. We were looking for a more contemporary design, but one that referenced the original iconic chameleon which has served us since issue No. 1, 1986. We wanted something that embodied both change and continuity. We are very grateful to Heather Thuynsma and the young design team members at ESI Press at the University of Pretoria for the creativity and dedication they brought to the project of providing us with a new look. We are very pleased with the results, and we hope you like them too.

Our Guest Editors Tim Gibbs and Laura Phillips have brought us this collection of papers which focuses on various themes related to the status of finance and taxation in the rural areas of the former 'homelands' or 'bantustans'. As they explain in their introduction, the papers originated from workshops held in September 2021 which brought together policy researchers, civil society activists and academics. In a departure from our usual format this special issue combines academic papers, briefings, and interviews with rural activists. We hope you enjoy the read.