

FOREWORD FROM THE ACADEMIC SPONSOR:

As one of three academic sponsors of *Contemporary Challenges*, I am happy to welcome the third volume into the world and to congratulate the third Board of Editors under the leadership of Adwitia Maity. In a sense every year represents a rebirth for the journal, as one Board of Editors steps down and a new group take their place. There is a steep learning curve here, and it is one the board undertake alongside their studies. The rebirth means each volume is shaped by the particular vision of a new Editor in Chief and her team, but consistency is provided by the journal scope which took root in the MSc in Global Crime, Justice and Security at the University of Edinburgh Schools of Law and of Social and Political Science. This encompasses 'contemporary challenges' in the areas of security and conflict, justice, discrimination and human rights, and policing and prisons. Adwitia and her colleagues have curated an admirable selection of papers falling under this extensive umbrella. One of the joys in teaching on courses associated with the MSc programme, and linked directly to the journal, is the diversity of interests represented by the students, so it is especially heartening to see some of that spirit reflected in the volume here. I thank the authors for putting their trust in *Contemporary Challenges* and in Adwitia and her team, and I thank Adwitia and her team in turn for being worthy of that trust. As this goes to press, the cycle is beginning anew with the selection of a new Board of Editors. Having enjoyed the papers here, I already look forward to a new team's take on the stuff of *Contemporary Challenges*.

All best!

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