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2015 marks the 30th anniversary of Contexto Internacional and the beginning of a new phase of the journal. We, the new editorial team, are delighted to be leading this project that aims to consolidate Contexto as a relevant venue for original and innovative research on, of and for the Global South.

The journal’s history is coeval with the growth and consolidation of international relations in Brazil and Latin America. Contexto has played an important role in strengthening production and distribution of scholarly research devoted to conceptual and empirical analysis of global political issues through a regional lens. After 30 years and more than four hundred papers published – half of which are available online and in open access format through our SciELO website – Contexto is proud to continue its commitment to theoretical and methodological pluralism of global studies.

Based at the Institute of International Relations of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Contexto’s new editorial
board reflects the global profile and theoretical diversity of the journal. We welcome its new members and thank its senior ones. In order to strengthen the journal’s reach and quality, Contexto will be published in English, three times per year. The editorial team has updated the journal’s editorial policies to better reflect current publishing practices and trends. We continue to receive a significant number of spontaneous submissions and we strongly encourage the submission of special issue proposals and original manuscripts that speak to Contexto’s mission.

Our goal is to make Contexto Internacional an important venue for connecting global knowledges and experiences. It is thus no coincidence that our first issue, published entirely in English, builds on the importance of conversation as a device for knowledge production. Under the editorial leadership of Anna Leander, contributors provide rich, diverse and in-depth analysis of the current landscape of international political economy through a critical discussion of Benjamin Cohen’s ground-breaking work. This is a timely and important contribution to a fundamental and on-going debate around issues of Eurocentrism, global inequalities and the production of international order that are central to our journal’s editorial priorities.

Contexto Internacional’s next special issue will focus on the connection between foreign policy and social demands in Latin America. Bringing together a talented and heterogeneous group of scholars and researchers, the special issue will contribute to a better understanding of the current conceptual, institutional and normative frameworks that allows us to think about and open up foreign policy to democratic agendas and struggles.

We take this opportunity to thank previous editorial teams for their leadership and service to the journal. We would also like to thank and recognize the work of peer reviewers. Their voluntary contribution
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...and expert analysis is a cornerstone of the journal’s rigorous evaluation system.

We invite our readers to visit our website at www.scielo.br/cint and to follow us through Facebook (Contexto Internacional) and Twitter (ContextoIntl). We hope that you will continue to find in Contexto Internacional a source of cutting-edge and thought-provoking research and analysis of global politics.

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