

Foreword

The collection of articles in the fourth volume of the *Journal of Development and Social Transformation* demonstrates both the diversity and relevance of graduate students' research at the Maxwell School. With just six papers, issues as diverse as public finance in Poland and Chile, privatization in Latin America, access to antiretroviral drugs in South Africa and ethnic tensions in Burma are addressed. These articles help to fulfill the mission of the journal in promoting critical inquiry into issues of policy, administration, poverty alleviation and governance in developing and transitional countries.

The papers in this volume were among the best papers presented at the biannual research symposia on Development and Social Transformation. Since 2006, the Journal has attempted to expand the breadth of its scholarly enquiry by including independently submitted articles from the wider Maxwell community. It is our hope that the diversity of research emerging among graduate students from the various masters' and doctoral programs at the Maxwell School will continue to be reflected in future volumes of the journal. As importantly, we hope that students will continue to use this journal as a forum to inform action and stimulate conversations among their peers about the critical issues facing countries around the world.

The journal and research symposia are organized by the Development and Social Transformation Forum of the Maxwell School's Daniel Patrick Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs. The Forum also organizes a speaker series to facilitate discussions between faculty and students who are interested in international development. We sincerely thank everyone who has participated in the Forum's events or helped to produce this journal.

We hope you find the articles stimulating and informative.

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