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## **New Partnership between the Society of South African Geographers and Routledge Journals**

Routledge Journals and the Society of South African Geographers are proud to announce a new publishing partnership.

In 2010, Routledge will become the publisher of the *South African Geographical Journal (SAGJ)*. Established in 1917, *SAGJ* publishes original research addressing the gamut of the discipline. The journal is unique, using southern Africa as a region from, and through, which to communicate geographic knowledge yet consistently engaging with issues and themes at the forefront of international geographic enquiry.

One of Africa's oldest and most well-respected journals, *SAGJ* is esteemed by geographers around the world for the breadth and quality of its scholarship. The journal has been accepted for inclusion in the Social Sciences Citation Index® and in 2010 will receive its first impact factor.

**Dr Maano Ramutsindela**, Editor-in-Chief of *South African Geographical Journal*, commented: The Society of South African Geographers could not have chosen a better partner for its premier journal than Routledge. This partnership represents a historic moment in the development of the journal. We are convinced that Routledge is well placed to take the *SAGJ* to greater heights as the journal approaches its centenary.

**Jessica Vivian**, Editorial Director of Routledge Journals, said: "We are delighted to welcome this excellent journal to Routledge. *South African Geographical Journal* joins a highly ranked and diverse list in Geography. Our partnership with the Society of South African Geographers reinforces Routledge's position as a leading publisher in this field as well as our long-term commitment to African scholarship. "

### **About the Society of South African Geographers**

The Society of South African Geographers was founded in 1994 when the Society for Geography (founded 1957) and the South African Geographical Society (founded 1917) joined together to form a united organisation.

The main objective of the Society of South African Geographers is to advance the research and educational activities of all South African geographers by:

- collectively representing the interests of South African geographers regionally, nationally and internationally
- encouraging and supporting high quality research and teaching in Geography
- providing a national geographic information resource for geographers and interested groups
- stimulating awareness of geographic and environmental matters through academic collaboration with other intellectual communities and accountable interaction with the public at large.

The Society achieves these objectives by publishing and effectively disseminating scholarly research results in the *South African Geographical Journal* and other occasional publications, through the organization of prestige lectures, by encouraging regional and special interest group activities, through its biennial scientific meeting and by performing sundry other services, such as representing geographers on various official Department of Education subject groups and international scientific bodies.

### **About Routledge Journals**

Routledge Journals is part of Taylor & Francis, an Informa business, and is one of the world's leading publishers of academic journals. Taylor & Francis is dedicated to the dissemination of scholarly information, drawing on expertise developed since first publishing learned journals in 1798. Taylor & Francis now publishes over 1,500 scholarly journals, of which more than 340 are produced in association with learned societies and scholarly institutions. The Company operates from a network of 20 global offices, including Philadelphia, Oxford, Melbourne, Stockholm, Beijing, New Delhi and Singapore.

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