

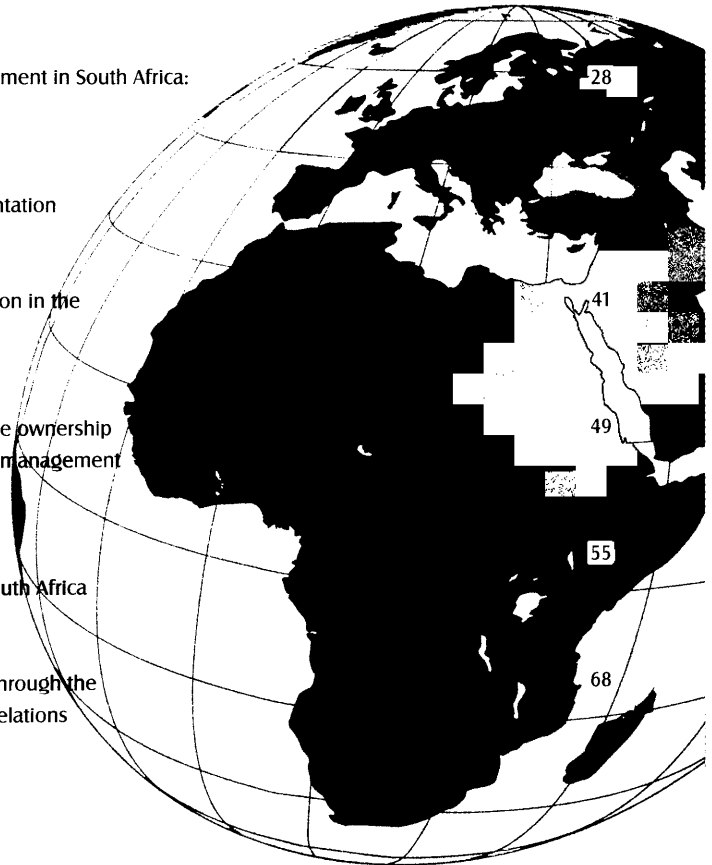


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In this inaugural edition, an attempt is made to demonstrate the array of article themes and types to be accommodated in AJPA in future. The reader will notice that there are contributions from different authors, representing different focus areas in Public Affairs. Therefore, in the December 2007 inaugural edition, we are elated to present viewpoints concerning education, globalisation, ethics, agriculture, policy, community participation, human resources, education, organisational dynamics and inter-governmental relations.

The AJPA draws intellectual strength from the global diaspora and continental intellectual dialogue. You are invited to enjoy the discourses and, of course, to contribute to this journal and to collaborate in securing its success.

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