



NOTA EDITORIAL / EDITOR'S NOTE

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This special issue coordinated by Maria Ángeles Alaminos is focused on several political and international aspects of the new Sudan after the division of North and South. In this issue we wanted to move a little bit to Africa, a continent which has received scant attention in the Spanish academic circles who deal with international relations. I consider that these articles can help the reader to understand the complex situation created after the division of Sudan, as the complicated problems that remain unsolved between the two States represent a challenge for the entire region.

This Journal also includes two other articles dealing with current events. The first, by Professor Dan Tschirgi deals with the set of (we may add, not very convincing) policies towards the Middle East by Obama's administration, where the author advocates the urgent need for clarification by the US of its role in the region. The second, by Salma Yusuf, deals with the lessons to be learned by Sri Lanka from the Malaysian experience, policies and programs, for its present process of unification. This comparative analysis is particularly useful and interesting, given the challenges that both countries have to face for the full integration of their own minorities.

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