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This year 2014 brings a bright new look to IFRA's international journal, *Les Cahiers d'Afrique de l'Est* (or *The East African Review*). Since it was first launched in 1996, *Les Cahiers* have published Varia issues gathering academic articles or short papers on various topics as well as special issues. Besides this new look to the cover design, the journal will now be divided into three sections. The first section will gather formal academic and research articles. The second section will publish fieldwork materials collected by researchers (such as transcribed and translated interviews, songs, etc.) and primary sources (written local histories, political manifestos, poetry, disquisitions of philosophy or theology, biographies and memoirs, diaries, letters, etc.) edited, annotated and introduced by short accounts about their value and interest for a larger audience of scholars. The third and last section will publish short book reviews on East Africa.

The new journal aims to give students from within the humanities and social sciences the chance to have their work on the East African region published in an academic journal. It also welcomes contributions by junior and senior scholars from East Africa, France, and Europe, who are encouraged to submit special issues on a theme or East African country of their choice. It aims to give visibility to new research topics, seeks for empirically grounded works, promotes interdisciplinary approaches, and enhances international research collaboration. The journal welcomes submissions from disciplines such as anthropology, development studies, economics, geography, history, international relations, literature, language and linguistics, political science, and sociology.

The new journal will be published four times a year. It will soon be available in its entirety on IFRA website. The formation of an editorial board composed of junior and senior scholars is under way in order to improve the selection and peer-review process of the articles submitted, and bring the journal to international standards.

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