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The third and final issue of Koers for 2016 contains, as anticipated in No. 2, a number of fairly contentious articles, some dealing with the current problems in the country, notably the student unrest and the whole matter of dealing with public symbols such as statues. The article by Goodrich and Bombardella is thought-provoking and addresses the statues debate via an in-depth consideration of Totius, also in the context of the fact that the statue of Totius on the Potchefstroom Campus of the North-West University made an equally ignominious (but invisible) departure from the campus as Rhodes did in Cape Town.

The university scene is further explored within the context of the language debate in the article by Eloff and Greffrath. Justin Sands expounds on Hegel in "Beginning with Property? Hegel and Unfolding Freedom in a South African Academic Context", and education provides an overview of inclusive education, which disquietingly indicates that the challenges facing mainstream education in South Africa are also bedevilling efforts to include inclusive education in mainstream education.

The Marikana massacre within the context of the complex societal realities of South Africa is also placed under the microscope in the article by Rathbone and Boëttger with an unusual slant – "The Marikana Massacre, labour and capitalism: Towards a Ricoeurian alternative".

In an interesting view of the use of perceptions about the issue of Psalms and the singing of hymns in the Reformed Church (GKSA) Bosman and Kruger investigate this issue by delving into Synod decisions, and the wide variety of views regarding the matter.

There is also a review article by Steve Bishop about Kuyperania 2015 which indicates that Kuyper studies are alive and well and flourishing – seemingly almost exclusively in the northern hemisphere with a small inclusion from the south.

The issues published in 2016 covered a wide variety of topics, and the large number of submissions already available for 2017 bodes well for the journal. An issue of special importance will be the publication of the proceedings of the Calvin Conference.

One concern that is emerging is that it is increasingly difficult to find enough reviewers willing to undertake this work because it often has to be done under time pressure and there is no remuneration attached. It makes one wonder whether the entire turmoil in the higher education sector might be a disincentive for academics to undertake this thankless (but essential) task. It is an indispensable part for quality assurance in the field of academic publishing, after all. This is a (not so disguised) plea for more willingness among academic colleagues to be of assistance in this crucial area of academic work.

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