

## *From the Editorial Desk*



JOAAG has now completed the 4<sup>th</sup> year of its publication. During the last four years, it has been trying to establish itself as one of the leading journals within the area of public administration and governance. I am happy to announce that JOAAG has reached an important milestone as it has recently been incorporated in *Excellence in Research for Australia* (ERA) list of ranked journals. It is now included in Ulrich's list of refereed journals as well. It has also been listed as one of the Top 20 Open Access Information Systems journals in the world (<http://lamp.infosys.deakin.edu.au/journals/index.php>). I must thank the journal's editorial board, authors, reviewers and patrons for their continuous support and commitments to JOAAG that have made it possible to achieve these important recognitions.

The current issue of the journal deals with an array of topics involving local governments, crisis perception of decision makers, decentralisation and the third party government and legitimacy. The research note on policy research methodology is an important addition to this issue. We hope to continue publishing similar papers dedicated to policy research methods. The book review section discusses an interesting piece of work on managing change in a globalising world.

Overall, I am sure, similar to the previous ones, this issue will also provide our readers with an array of thought-provoking articles and comments. I would like to thank all authors and reviewers for their invaluable contribution to the publication of this issue.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Sharif As-Saber'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Sharif As-Saber, PhD**

Editor-in-Chief

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