“The time will come when diligent research over long periods will bring to light things which now lie hidden. A single lifetime, even though entirely devoted to the sky, would not be enough for the investigation of so vast a subject … And so this knowledge will be unfolded only through long successive ages. There will come a time when our descendants will be amazed that we did not know things that are so plain to them … Many discoveries are reserved for ages still to come, when memory of us will have been effaced” (Seneca, Natural Questions)

With the above extract from Seneca in mind, the editorial board of De Jure has pleasure in presenting the second volume of 2014. The volume contains contributions by various academics on a variety of topics. The volume also includes a focus section which contains contributions which interrogate and analyse Pretoria/Tshwane as a capital city from multiple perspectives; cities represented, cities lived, cities remapped and cities re-visioned. These contributions explore the various ways in which academics and social and political communities re-vision the city and, by so doing, provide an interesting and valuable interdisciplinary perspective on this important topic.

Moreover, the volume covers a wide array of topics, such as the role of the notion of ubuntu in constitutional law; market abuse under the Securities Act 36 of 2004; business rescue proceedings in the context of liquidation proceedings; and sperm donors’ right to contact “their” children.

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