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We are very glad to present *Volume 2: Issue 2* of the SCR 2019. The current issue features four case reviews clustered around environmental justice and administrative law. A clean environment is not just a necessity for sustainable development but is now widely recognised as a human right. But what happens when the environment is polluted by a powerful mining transnational corporation? The first two cases deal with exactly that issue. The case of *Konkola Copper Mines PLC v Nyasulu and 2000 Others* deals with the issue of villagers whose stream, a source of drinking water and livelihood, was polluted by a transnational mining corporation operating in Zambia.

The second case note, is based on the ground-breaking case of *Vedanta Resources PLC and Konkola Copper Mines PLC v Lungowe and Others*, and discussed the same environmental issues, but dealing with a new angle of victims of environmental degradation who are unable to find appropriate redress within the Zambian justice system and sought the help of British Courts. The case is in a sense an indictment against the capacity of the Zambian judiciary in adjudicating environmental disputes, but also a ray of hope as it highlights new possibilities of redress for victims of environmental degradation beyond national frontiers.

The amendment of the Zambian Constitution led to the establishment of a dedicated Constitutional Court. What kind of jurisprudence is the new Constitutional Court churning out? The administrative law case of *The People v The Patents and Companies Registration Agency Ex-Partes Finsbury Investment Limited and Zambezi Portland Cement Limited* gives an insight into the capacity of the Constitutional Court to articulate a relevant ground-breaking transformative jurisprudence that would foster constitutional values. The case attracted two reviews by independent law scholars who seem to have taken different positions on the outcome of the case.

The cases under review, for good or ill, have great implications both in terms of vindicating individual and group human rights as well as governmental accountability to the people. We hope you will enjoy our selection of case reviews.

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