

EDITORIAL

This issue, put together by the Cape Town editorial group picks up, in each of the contributions, themes which have been aired in earlier numbers of *Psychology in Society*, providing a picture of some continuity in areas of discussion for those concerned with a progressive view of psychology. If there is a common theme in the papers constituting Issue No 11 then it is to be found in a perspective of conceptual unravelling. Most of the papers are concerned with attempting to think more clearly about the terms and concepts which have already emerged as cornerstones of a more critical and socially concerned psychology in South Africa.

Kottler takes up two important concepts of professionalization and African medicine and does good work in examining the discourse surrounding them. Solomons looks behind the descriptive category of post-traumatic stress disorder in detainees and starts to theorise about dynamic mechanisms. A "community psychology" approach has been widely tossed about as a "solution" to the overemphasis upon individualistic and clinically orientated perspectives: Seedat and Cloete offer some useful unravelling in this important area. Bulhan's book on Fanon and the psychology of oppression has already been well received in South Africa. Couve offers a probing and critical analysis of this book and also raises significant questions regarding this central topic. Shefer continues the theme of providing comparative views on mental health models, while Bentley gives strong views on what cross-cultural psychology in South Africa should be about in a review of Alexis Retief's recent book.

Psychology in society, 1988, 11, 1