



State of the Nation: South Africa 2007
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NOW a regular feature on the local publishing landscape, *State of the Nation* is the premier annual analysis of the state of South Africa's socio-economic and political landscape.

With some much-needed funding beefing up the marketing of the book, publishers and authors embarked on a nation-wide roadshow, stopping here to launch the book this week.

State of the Nation continues to

grow from strength to strength with Roger Southall's customary introduction remaining a personal highlight.

Another strong feature are the chapters highlighting popular issues in the public domain. This year the plight of former MK and Apla combatants, rugby transformation (or lack thereof) and the Zimbabwean community in SA each have their own chapters (in previous volumes

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the state of soccer together with the Chinese and Muslim communities in South Africa have featured). These chapters contextualise and explain complex social issues in an easy and accessible manner, making the series an important reference to ordinary people, not just the academic community.

Once again, highly recommended for anyone interested South Africa's bill of health. – *Barbara Manning*

