

Editorial

2015 is our final year as the Editorial Team for the *Review of International Studies*. We are proud that under our editorship the journal continues to be in excellent health and to provide a forum for the highest quality scholarship across the field of International Studies. Last year, in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the journal, in addition to our regular issues and the Special Issue on Global Health, we published a series of Virtual Special Issues on International Relations and History; Gender; International Security; International Ethics; and International Theory. In 2015, we have an excellent line up of articles, engaging with themes from asymmetrical war to appeasement, US exceptionalism to fictional IR, and human rights to sexy money and global finance. The 2015 Special Issue addresses the ways in which global measures and benchmarks for everything from levels of democracy to failed states operate as a tool for global governance and makes a major contribution to IR literatures on governmentality and productive power.

As always, we would like to extend our grateful thanks to Reviewers and Members of the Editorial Board who have provided us with invaluable help in 2014 – their names are listed at the end of this Issue. As with any peer-reviewed journal, the *Review* could not exist without the selfless contribution of reviewers. We have been particularly fortunate in our Editorial Board, all of whom have offered the most tremendous support throughout our editorial term. We are deeply grateful to them. We would also like to thank our Editorial Assistants: Maria Fotou (2013–14) and Andrew Delatolla (2014–15). Maria and Andrew have provided – and continue to provide – invaluable support to the Editorial Team and we are most grateful for their efforts.

Owing to the changeover in the Editorship, we are not putting out a call for a Special Issue for 2016. The new Editors, who will take over from January 2016, have now been appointed and have exciting plans for the journal's future, including taking the *Review* to an increasingly global audience. Members of the new editorial team are: Ruth Blakeley (Lead Editor, University of Kent); Sophie Harman (Queen Mary, University of London); Jonathan Joseph (University of Sheffield); Craig Murphy (Massachusetts, Boston); and Scarlett Cornelissen (Stellenbosch). We look forward to working with the incoming team in the transition period at the end of this year.

Finally, we would like to thank all of you – the readers of the journal. We hope you have enjoyed the high quality and variety of contributions to the journal in 2014, and we are confident that you will find much that is innovative and thought-provoking in the 2015 volume. Our aim throughout our editorial term has been to do justice to the wonderful range of research being done in International Studies and also to do justice to what we know is a highly discriminating readership. Thank you for reading and supporting the journal.

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