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*Asia Pacific: Perspectives* is a peer-reviewed journal published at least once a year, usually in April/May. It welcomes submissions from all fields of the social sciences and the humanities with relevance to the Asia Pacific region.\* In keeping with the Jesuit traditions of the University of San Francisco, *Asia Pacific: Perspectives* commits itself to the highest standards of learning and scholarship.

Our task is to inform public opinion by a broad hospitality to divergent views and ideas that promote cross-cultural understanding, tolerance, and the dissemination of knowledge unreservedly. Papers adopting a comparative, interdisciplinary approach will be especially welcome. **Graduate students are strongly encouraged to submit their work for consideration.**

\* 'Asia Pacific region' as used here includes East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Oceania, and the Russian Far East.

## A Note from the Publisher

With this issue of *Asia Pacific: Perspectives*, this online journal ends its ninth year of publication. In that time the readership has increased just as the journal's quality has risen. Consequently too, the number of submissions from all over the world and from a variety of disciplines has gone up accordingly.

The work of processing the submissions, assigning them to reviewers, liaising with the authors so they incorporate edits and other suggestions from reviewers, and the final proofing and distribution of each issue requires the cooperation of a number of people, primarily the Editors, but also the Editorial Consultants, and members of the Editorial Board.

We have been very fortunate to have had, from the beginning, the dedication of the full-time faculty of the University of San Francisco College of Arts and Sciences, and others, in the pursuit of establishing and operating the journal. In its first years the Center's founding executive director Dr. Barbara K. Bundy established the current editorial structure and Profs. Stephen J. Roddy and Shalendra Sharma were appointed as the journal's first editors; they provided the energy and momentum required to get the publication off the ground and on to the web. In May 2003 Prof. Joaquin Gonzalez succeeded Shalendra Sharma as co-editor, and in May 2004 Dr. John Nelson took over from Stephen Roddy. From that time onwards Profs. Gonzalez and Nelson have performed sterling service, producing between them nine issues including the current one.

Under these able editors, ably assisted by the combined resources of the journal's Editorial Consultants (Dr. Barbara K. Bundy, Prof. Hartmut Fischer, and Dr. Patrick L. Hatcher, and its Editorial Board (Prof. Uldis Kruze, Prof. Man-lui Lau, Mark Mir, Prof. Noriko Nagata, Prof. Stephen J. Roddy, Prof. Kyoko Suda, Dr. Xiaoxin Wu, and Prof. Bruce Wydick) *Asia Pacific: Perspectives* has begun to establish itself as a venue for quality scholarship on a variety of subjects in a wide range of disciplines.

With thanks to all the above editorial personnel and with grateful acknowledgement of their important service (and also their willingness to serve so long and with an open ended commitment) we are taking advantage of this happy juncture to reconfigure the journal's editorial apparatus and to recruit a newly constituted, expanded, and internationalized working editorial board with a three-year term of service. Our revised board, with both old and new members, will reflect many of our continuing interests as well as a new consideration for topics involving energy and sustainability, public diplomacy, the environment, and the intersections of policy, practice, and academia.

It is our fervent hope that the readers of *Asia Pacific: Perspectives* will continue to find value in our efforts and will patronize the journal as it moves into this exciting new phase.

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