

## Letter from the Editors

Although you had to wait for some time for this latest issue of *Itinerario*, we hope you will enjoy our collection of articles and reviews. We had to say goodbye to our faithful editorial assistant Olaf Peters, who was an important force behind *Itinerario* for many years, but decided to try his luck in the ever-booming world of information technology. Fortunately we have found a capable successor, Maaïke Kuyvenhoven. This issue will also be the last one, which is co-edited by Bhaswati Bhattacharya, who leaves Leiden for New Delhi. The remaining editors wish to express their gratitude to her for the part she played in making *Itinerario* a successful journal. Fortunately we found a capable replacement in dr. Henk Niemeijer, who is a specialist of early modern South East Asian history.

In this issue of our journal you will find four articles that are the results of a conference in Spring on 'Shifting Communities', by Leonard Andaya, Morris Rossabi, Felipe Fernández-Armesto and W.J. Boot. We are also very happy to present to you an interview, this time with the famous German historian Wolfgang Mommsen, who published and worked on many things, but also on the history of modern imperialism. Besides this, we have our regular number of articles, one of Colin Mitchell on Shāh 'Abbās and the English East India Company, one by Jochen Meißner on the agrarian history of Latin America and one by Michael Leroy Oberg on early Anglo-Indian exchanges. As always, *Itinerario* gives you a broad perspective on the history of the world!

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