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Edition 16.3 is representative of life in this complex age of overwork and pandemics, with several accepted papers that were initially intended as part of this edition now reserved for upcoming editions due to hurdles and complexities. What this edition has shown is that today's scholar not only battles work requirements (including the pressure to publish), but in my role of Editor-in-Chief, I have been privy to how our work lives spill into everyday worlds and home life. I have noted over the past six months authors and reviewers alike dedicating hours of their week to writing, editing, and reviewing, outside of office hours. Frequently, the editorial board receives emails apologising for one thing or another due to family illness, deaths in family, unexpected social forces, and more, all of which show that we, as a community, dedicate a good portion of our lives, outside of work, to these research and publishing endeavours. It makes me conscious of our community's commitment to research and the way this is often at the mercy of life's unexpected twists and turns. It can sometimes be a difficult balance, and I am grateful to all who submit to the journal knowing how difficult these commitments are.

16.3 is a steppingstone as we push towards a gradual revamping of the journal. With 16.3 we have begun publishing on a rolling basis, collating submissions under an edition banner at a given point. This edition has offered the editorial board opportunity to learn about the machinations of rolling publication, with the aim of taking some of the stress from edition-by-edition publishing, while also giving authors the chance to have their accepted papers published earlier.

This edition houses two very interesting articles, and two insightful book reviews. We are very happy to publish Dr Kaziwa Salih's article that, as she mentions in her acknowledgments, has been a work-in-progress since 2017. This shows the tenacity of the author and the importance of rewriting and reconceptualising. Dr Salih's article gives new insight into, and presents new evidence of, the turmoil that ensued under the Saddam Hussein regime, with particular focus on the Kurdish Anfal Genocide. We are also pleased to publish Professor Tetsushi Ogata's article that explores denialism in relation to Japan's wartime memories, revealing how commonplace this denialism is in contemporary Japanese society, and the author proposes means of addressing this problem. I thank both authors for their submissions.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who work on the journal, alongside those who submit, given how difficult the last year has been with the effects of the pandemic still being felt. I am cognisant of the long-term mental and work-related harms this pandemic has had on lives across the globe, and I hope for a better and calmer future.

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The editorial team wishes to thank all the authors in this edition of GSP, and believe the content mirrors the ongoing quest of scholars and practitioners to study

genocide and, in doing so, help to understand and thereby prevent the crime. In this edition, we welcome new voices to GSP, and we are pleased to publish some more established voices. We think readers will enjoy the eclecticism of the edition and hope this diversity inspires others to submit similarly thought-provoking articles and essays.

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