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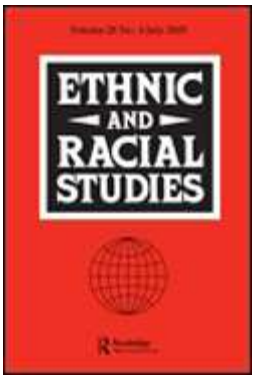

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Developments and Plans for the Future for **Ethnic and Racial Studies**

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With this issue we complete Volume 33 of *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. This has been another successful year in the development of this journal, as reflected in the quality of the regular articles that we have published and in the articles included in the five Special Issues we have produced in 2010. The impact of the journal on the wider scholarly communities has been reflected in the increased Impact Factor we have been awarded in the ISI Social Science Citation Index for 2009, published in 2010. It is also evident in the increased volume of high quality submissions that we receive in the Editorial office from an increasing range of countries and research groupings. During both 2009 and 2010 we have seen significant increases in the submission of both regular and special issue articles to the journal.

In part as a result of this increase we have decided, in consultation with our publishers, to move to producing 12 issues of **Ethnic and Racial Studies** per year in 2011. This reflects our commitment to ensuring that the journal is able to publish a wide range of high quality, cutting-edge articles which meet our stringent refereeing standards. It will also enable us to plan ahead in terms of including Special Issues as a regular part of this journal infuture. We now have a range of Special Issues in process which will take us to 2013 and beyond. **Ethnic and Racial Studies** has been part of the evolution of scholarship and research on race, ethnicity, migration and and nationalism which continues to play an active role in professional activities that relate to the work of the journal. In May 2010 we held our Annual Lecture at City University London, given by Ann Stoler from the New School for Social Research. This attracted a large audience composed of both established and younger scholars.

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We also held events linked to the journal at the International Sociological Association Conference in Gothenburg (July 2010) and the American Sociological Association Conference in Atlanta (August 2010). Both events allowed us to publicise the work of the journal to broader audiences and to establish contact with the relevant research committees of the associations.

We have also worked closely with Routledge Journals to improve the scope and coverage of our Book Reviews section. We know that this is a section of the journal that many of our readers find of interest and we have moved to fully integrate the book reviews into our Scholar One electronic management process. This has allowed us to process books in a timely manner and to make sure that we publish reviews of the most recent books in our field as early as possible. It is our aim to continue to maintain and to broaden the international reach of this journal. This is more of a challenge in relation to books to be reviewed than it is for articles to be considered, but we continue to work to improve our coverage. **Ethnic and Racial Studies** is committed to international reach in the material which it publishes.

Following our practice last year, we are once again publishing in this issue, the last of the year, a list of all the referees that have helped us by looking at articles as part of our refereeing process. At the risk of stating the obvious, we are aware that we would not be able to maintain the high scholarly standards of the journal without your hard work. A number of our referees are members of our International Editorial Board, who number sixty-five scholars across eighteen countries. As the coverage of the journal expands, we rely also upon the advice and support of referees from a wide range of countries, disciplines and fields of research. To all who have acted as referees for ERS, a big thank you for your efforts and we look forward to your continued support in the future. Without this selfless voluntary interest in the articles which we received, we would not be able to publish the high quality material which it is the aim of the journal to disseminate.

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