

Editorial Note

In the first issue of this journal, we published an inaugural essay, 'From Peasant Studies to Agrarian Change' (vol. 1, no. 1, January, 2001, pp. 1–56). There we surveyed the themes and approaches of agrarian political economy over the previous three decades, and mapped out something of our vision for the new journal. We said: 'And, of course, we want to encourage as strongly as we can the work of younger scholars who desire to carry forward the agenda of agrarian political economy, and whose preoccupations and conceptions of that agenda will not simply replicate those of the intellectual generations before them' (p. 37). Since then we have sought to publish a judicious mixture of the work of those already established in the field of agrarian political economy and of younger scholars. We are delighted that this issue of the *Journal of Agrarian Change* consists of three articles that draw on recently completed PhD theses of high quality on a range of agrarian themes, and a review essay co-authored by a PhD student. One of our primary aims is to continue to encourage younger scholars, from whom submissions are especially welcome.

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