

Editorial

Dear Readers,

As we reach the conclusion of the fifteenth year of *Between* and celebrate the publication of its thirtieth issue, we are pleased to announce several innovations, particularly concerning the expansion and internal reorganization of some of the journal's core areas.

Two gifted young colleagues are joining us as Co-editors-in-chief: Claudia Cao, Senior Researcher in English Literature at the University of Cagliari – who has long contributed to the preparation of our issues, first as a member and later as coordinator of the Editorial Committee – and Corrado Confalonieri, Associate Professor of Italian Studies at Chapman University (USA). Readers will recall that both new editors-in-chief have for some time now edited the Reviews section (together with Giulio Iacoli). With sincere gratitude for their continued commitment to *Between*, and confident that we may rely on their valuable collaboration in the years to come, we extend our warmest wishes as they assume these new responsibilities.

We are also pleased – combining satisfaction with a spirit of curiosity – to welcome new members to the editorial team: Anna Chiara Corradino (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa), Annamaria Elia (University of Rome “Sapienza”), Giulia Tramontano (University of Siena and Sorbonne Nouvelle–Paris 3), and Fabio Zarroli (University of Parma). To each of them we extend our sincere thanks and a warm welcome.

The passionate work of all involved will be crucial in sustaining the free and dynamic development of a still-adolescent journal—development reflected both in the lively dialogue that continually unfolds among its various components and in its engagement with contemporary debates on the visions, meanings, and aims of comparative literature.

As *Between* approaches its maturity, we believe that the guiding foundations of this new phase should be a continued commitment to building networks of knowledge and cooperation, and an ongoing evolution that remains faithful to the journal's founding principles – rigorous, yet open to debate and to fruitful cross-fertilization. These are the principles that have made the journal known and – if it is not immodest to say – appreciated by its readers.

The Editors-in-chief