

Editor's Note

With this issue, a new Editorial Board undertakes responsibility for publication of the *Journal of Asian Studies*. The outgoing editor, Joyce Kallgren, and her colleagues have helped us graciously and generously, far more than these conventional words imply. The Secretariat and many members of the Association for Asian Studies have also played active and helpful roles in the transition. It is a pleasure to assume responsibility for an enterprise that elicits participation and concern from so many of its constituents.

We hope to continue to provide a publication that is valued by all of you. The *JAS* is unique because of its geographic and disciplinary breadth. Our concern is to publish articles that are intrinsically of high quality, but we expect to give preference to articles that are of potential interest to all of us, whatever the area of Asia we know best. To this end, we hope to publish, from time to time, thematic issues that will take up topics of concern to scholars with interests in several regions of Asia. We are interested, too, in comparative articles. Please write to me if you have suggestions—along these or other lines.

And send us your best articles! Two important points will encourage you to do so. First, we no longer have the backlog that characterized the *JAS* for some time. Once accepted in final form, an article will go into the next issue. Second, following the precedent set by Joyce Kallgren, we will make every effort to give you a rapid response—within three months, or even sooner. Remember that the *JAS* covers all of Asia, at all times, and from the perspectives of all disciplines. Don't hesitate to send us an article "because the Journal doesn't publish in my field"; we may not yet have received a publishable article in your field.

We will make every effort to continue to provide book reviews that are as useful as so many of you have indicated they have been in the past. To widen the ranks of our reviewers, again this fall we will solicit volunteer book reviewers in an announcement in the *AAS Newsletter*. We also encourage review articles, a popular feature of the *Journal*. If you have thoughts about an important issue that is reflected in several new publications, correspond with the book review editor for your geographic area or, if the issue is not specific to one particular region, please write to me.

Members of the Editorial Board welcome correspondence about the *JAS*. We want to be responsive to the membership of the Association whose journal this is.