

EDITORIAL

Northeast India has been chosen as the theme for this new issue of EBHR. This part of the Himalayas had hardly ever been covered by the Bulletin. One of the main reasons for this is that foreigners were denied access to the region until 1995. Restrictions have now been largely lifted and never as now has there been such intense research activity in Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh. From all angles, this area is culturally a very complex one, even more so than those we are familiar with further to the west. Thus, despite the work undertaken by our Indian colleagues over the last forty years, a great deal of research is needed to at least understand the basic anthropological and environmental setting surrounding the Brahmaputra Valley. In this issue, we have collected contributions in equal proportions from both Indian and European authors. We hope they will give a fair idea of the type of research presently being done in the Northeast. And we also hope these works will find an echo among specialists of other Himalayan regions, and that they will stir new callings among younger scholars.

As you might have noticed, this issue has been published with some delay. We beg for the leniency of our subscribers. We shall make all efforts to fill the gap, possibly by offering thicker issues in the near future. Marie Lecomte-Tilouine is now preparing a promising n°33 issue on Social Changes in Nepal during the People's War.

Finally, we regret to say that the Bulletin has recently been suffering from a relative lack of proposals. Whatever the reasons, we would like to encourage all of you to take up your pens and submit articles, as well as to advertise the EBHR. Book reviews would particularly be appreciated. Similarly, let us know if you have any ideas about special issues on your favorite topics of research, as well as about authors who might contribute to such issues.

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