

Editorial

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It has been a pleasure to work as general editor on this issue of *gender forum*, not least because I had worked with one of the guest editors of *Queering Postcolonial Worlds* before, editing an essay they had contributed to the journal. Apparently, they came away from that experience with the feeling that *gender forum* was a journal that appreciated the kind of work they were doing and thus came back to us with a group of colleagues from the Universities of Münster and Bremen, this time as guest editors of the present issue. I hope our new platform will generate a lot of interest in this issue, which focuses on postcolonial literatures and cultures from a range of regions and a variety of queer studies perspectives. The issue certainly deserves it.

As is tradition with *gender forum*, I want to use this editorial to thank everyone who has been involved with this issue, but whose contributions may otherwise remain unrecognized, because they do not appear as guest editors or authors in the published issue. My gratitude goes, first, to my wonderful co-editors and co-conspirators, Susanne Gruß (U of Bamberg) and Johanna Pitetti-Heil (U of Cologne). Although Susanne took on a new position at the University of Bamberg nearly a year ago, she has remained part of our team, which I am extremely grateful for. My gratitude goes, second, to Verena Wurth (U of Cologne), who has been acting as managing editor of the journal for the past year and continues to do an invaluable job on that position, and, third, to the anonymous reviewers and the members of the editorial board who gave expert feedback to the authors included in this issue. Last but certainly not least, I want to thank the research assistants, student assistants, and interns that have worked for *gender forum* in the past one-and-a-half years, since we began editing this issue, and contributed to the issue at various stages and in varying ways. I am listing them here in alphabetical order: Rumeysa Ceylan (Cologne), Allison Lemley (Bamberg), Una López-Caparrós Jungmann (Cologne), Andy Miebach (Cologne), and Kade Schreckenber (Cologne). Without your help with copy-editing and layouting, this issue could not have been published as quickly, and it would not look as it does.