

Editorial

There is no provision for a regular editorial in the *Review of International Studies* but it has now become an established tradition for the outgoing editor to pen or, more accurately these days, word process a few lines in the final issue under his editorship. This is my final issue as editor and from January 1995 the new editor is Dr Paul Taylor from the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics.

This time five years ago I went to Nuffield College in Oxford to pick up the files for the *Review* from the late and much missed John Vincent. Over lunch, John assured me that I would find it very rewarding to be the editor of the *Review*; and he was right. Being editor of the *Review* has not only been one of the most stimulating but also one of the most enjoyable tasks of my academic career. As editor, I have had the opportunity to come into contact with a large range of academics from across the globe. It has been a constant pleasure to find that the *Review* really is one of the nerve centres for a world-wide community.

The flow of articles being submitted to the *Review* is steadily increasing and the task of selecting the articles which eventually appear is becoming correspondingly more exacting. The task would be impossible without the help of specialist referees and I have been enormously impressed by the thorough and fair way in which almost all referees approach the manuscripts they are sent. My thanks to these referees, to the members of the Advisory Board, the Editorial Committee, and the journals division of Cambridge University Press for all the help I have received over the past five years. I am confident that this help will be as generously extended to my successor. On a personal note, I would also like to thank Ann Rogers, who assisted me while I was at Lancaster and Chris Thurling who took over as my assistant when I moved to Bristol. Finally, I offer my best wishes to Paul Taylor with the hope that he finds his tenure as editor as fulfilling as I have.

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