

## Letter from the Editors

We are pleased to present a special issue of *Itinerario* entitled “Portugal Índico: Essays on the History of the Portuguese Presence in South Asia in the Colonial Period”, a project initiated by guest editor (and contributor) Stefan Halikowski Smith of the University of Wales. The five articles that appear in this special issue address five separate themes pertaining to Portuguese expansion in South Asia in the early modern period: perceptions of nature; charity institutions in Goa; Indo-Portuguese architecture; language and culture in the Indian Jesuit missions; and the sea voyage from Lisbon to India. Each article contains and discusses a selection of original sources, which have been translated into English for the use and benefit of scholars and students in the field.

Apart from the special articles section, this issue contains an interview with Professor Mark Elvin, specialist on a wide range of themes in Chinese history. We are very grateful to Bede Moore for writing the interview article. In addition to the extensive book review section there are also two review articles, one by Ron Schultz on the French and Indian War, and the other by Hector Omar Noejovich Ch. on Spanish and Inca Peru.

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