Editors' foreword

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This special issue of *Sibirica* is guest-edited by Joachim Otto Habeck, and the Editors applaud his work to bring together this excellent group of papers resulting from a conference he organized at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle, Germany. Dr Habeck is Coordinator of the Siberian Studies Centre at the MPI, which is now well established as a key institution in the anthropology of Siberia. The conference included scholars from several disciplines, and thus publication in *Sibirica* seemed to be the perfect choice, reflecting the journal's commitment to cross-disciplinary conversations on the region.

This first issue of the fourth volume of *Sibirica* marks the advent of a new group of editors. Cathryn Brennan and Alan Wood have decided to step down as Editors, although Dr Brennan will remain active with the journal as an Associate Editor. We are greatly indebted to their years of hard work to establish *Sibirica* as a world-class scholarly journal. Alexander King has taken on the primary responsibility as editor, and he will be closely supported by an active group of Associate Editors: David G. Anderson, Tatiana Argounova-Low, Cathryn Brennan, Patty A. Gray, and Joachim Otto Habeck. This is also the last volume for which David N. Collins is editing the reviews. Starting with volume five, John Ziker will assume this task.

Sibirica remains committed to publishing work from the humanities and social sciences that is relevant to the region and passes an anonymous, rigorous peer review. We are interested in articles and reviews, as well as reports on recently completed research in the field or archives, conference notes, translations of key documents, and other scholarly contributions of high intellectual merit.