A NOTE FROM THE INCOMING EDITOR

Having now completely ‘transitioned’ from the previous editorial team, this issue of *Social Analysis* is the first for which I am more or less fully responsible. Instead of a more elaborate ‘letter from the editor’ to mark the occasion, I gave an interview to the staff at Berghahn, our publishers, for their online blog. Better than a more formal letter, I hope, the interview, which follows, conveys the spirit in which I approach my editorship of the journal and gives an idea of the new directions in which I wish to take it in the future.

The interview is followed by a ‘forum’ of short think pieces on the theme “What Is ‘Analysis’?” In line with the journal’s emphasis on the notion of analysis, which I also comment on in the interview, we decided to mark the editorial transition with a high-profile round-table discussion on this theme at last year’s annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, DC. An array of top anthropologists, many of them on the journal’s editorial board, were invited to reflect on the notion of analysis and how it features in their anthropological practice. At the meeting, this produced an energizing debate, conducted in a jam-packed room.

I hope that the texts of the presentations, published in our forum here and available as video clips online, convey something of the vitality of those discussions. Certainly, the issues they raise will remain alive in my own mind as I go forward with the editorship of the journal in the coming years, honing its intellectual profile around the practice of anthropological analysis and its potentials for critical insight.

— Martin Holbraad