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DEAR READER,

After many months in fruitful collaboration, we are delighted to present the second issue of the eighth volume of *Global histories*. This issue brought us the opportunity once more to exchange with students around the world, some of whom even attended our most recent Global History Student Conference. Our issue opens with Katharina Krause's thoughtful contribution to the field of emotional geography, examining the life and writings of Zanzibari princess Sayyida Sālme bint Sa'īd, who immigrated to Germany in the mid-nineteenth century and adopted the name Emily Ruete. Rania Ashour then examines the role of the Protestant missionary society of the Kaiserswerth Diaconia, evaluating the institution's internal newspapers to understand their role in the conversion of Muslims in nineteenth-century Egypt. Florian Ambach continues with a look into the imperial history of the Habsburg Empire, putting Austrian colonial activities abroad in context with contemporary Austrian historiographical discussions. Barbara Testini concludes the research articles with a critical look at girlhood and modernity, comparing the oft-studied Western flapper with the lesser-examined East African kanga-wearing woman. Finally, a methodological investigation from Aoibhín McQuillan concludes this issue with a discussion of the global historian's positionality, asking us to consider our roles as negotiators of history in light of the widening gap between Western academia and the global field.

Our team has been hard at work once more making preparations for the upcoming year. We opened the call for the 2023 Global History Student Conference, and anticipate many applications and many hard decisions on the presentations. The conference will be held from 30 June to 2 July in Berlin, and we hope to see any local readers there. More information about the conference will follow in the coming months on our website and social media pages.

This issue also represents a change in hands for *Global histories*. As I will hand in my Master's thesis, I leave the role of Editor to Phoebe Ka Laam Ng, who has been a member of our team for two years. It was one of the most fruitful opportunities of my academic career thus far to steer *Global histories*, and under Phoebe's guidance, there will only be more great things to come. My heartfelt gratitude to everyone I have worked with over the years, and a heartfelt *Auf wiedersehen!*

With best regards,

Ruby Guyot

Editor-in-chief

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