

## EDITORIAL

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In less than two years since the first issue of the Nordic Journal of Migration Research was published in August 2011, NJMR has established itself within the field of migration studies in Nordic countries and beyond. The journal has a continually increasing rate of submissions and its readership has more than doubled. In 2011, our articles were downloaded over 3000 times, and in 2012 we have registered more than 6000 downloads by readers throughout the world. The journal receives submissions and attracts readers from across the globe, in particular Northern Europe.

NJMR has also started to attract "high-quality, original contributions from Nordic and non-Nordic countries", as was stated in the Nordic Migration Research (NMR) statute. Moreover, it has become clear during these two years that there is a demand and place for an international journal in the field of migration research with a specific focus on – but not limited to – the Nordic region.

In the two years of its existence, NJMR has covered a wide-range of topics from macro-level analyses of immigration policies, welfare state, discrimination, integration and governance to much broader perspectives such as micro-level examinations of transnational mobilities, second generation migration practices, religious integration, remittances, and marriages in migratory contexts. Also in terms of epistemological, ontological, and methodological approaches covered during the first two years, NJMR has become a multi-paradigmatic and methodologically pluralist journal. We aim to continue giving place to the richness of different traditions and their contributions to the knowledge in this field.

We have published regular issues and themed special issues edited by guest editors. Our referee-process is the same for all articles. Also articles included in the special issues go through a rigorous, double-blinded external referee process including a pre-screening by the editors-in-chief and the guest editors. In the future, we will continue to publish up to two special issues per year. We believe it is important to give equal dissemination space to both special issues and issues with individual articles. Whereas the first

encourages collaboration and communication between researcher groups and disseminates results from collaborative research across borders, the latter creates a channel for individual researchers and makes the results of their work visible.

NJMR has hence answered many of the expectations that were expressed in the first issue of the journal by developing in a short time into an established outlet for high-quality, international scholarship on questions of migration, ethnicity, nationalism, and diversity in Nordic countries. Our ambition now is to carry these achievements further by making an international impact on the development of scientific knowledge.

It was clear from the start that NJMR is committed to open access publishing. With our publisher *Versita*, which is nowadays part of the international publishing company *De Gruyter*, we will continue on the path of free and open dissemination of research findings. We are working together with the publisher to find ways to increase our online visibility. This year, we will work for being listed in *Thomson Reuters Master Journal List* and for inclusion in international social science citation indexes.

This year brings also some changes to the editorial board of the journal. Ulf Hedetoft, Hakan G. Sicakkan, and Tuomas Martikainen were appointed in 2010 by the Nordic Migration Research Association (NMR) as the founding editors of NJMR. From 2011 and onwards, the latter two continued as the co-editors in chief. Tuomas Martikainen, who worked hard as a co-editor-in-chief until now has moved onward to other challenges. He contributed significantly to the development of the journal both with his strategic visions, and sense of quality and precision in the daily editorial work. The editors-in-chief, the NJMR editorial board, and the NMR Board members are grateful for all the hard work Tuomas has put into the journal.

Lena Näre from the University of Helsinki has been elected as the new co-editor in chief, and she will be working with Hakan G. Sicakkan from January 2013 onwards. Indeed, Lena Näre started working as a co-editor already in autumn 2012 in order to "warm up"

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for the challenging editorial tasks, and she has contributed to the editorial work for all the articles planned for publication in 2013. Lena is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Helsinki, Department of Social Research. She joined the Discipline of Sociology in 2011 after having been a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the *Centre for Research on Ethnic Relations and Nationalism, Swedish School of Social Science, University of Helsinki* and a Visiting Research Fellow at the *Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex*. She holds a D.Phil. in Migration Studies from the University of Sussex

and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Helsinki. Her research interests include global and intersectional inequalities in care work, moral economy, transnational practices, home and belonging, ageing, sociological theories of migration and ethnographic methods. She currently works in a research project on migrant workers in elderly care in Finland. Her recent work has been published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* and *Sociology*. The current editorial team and the NMR Board welcome Lena on board and look forward to collaborating with her.