Editorial

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With this issue of NORA, we in the Danish editorial team have reached the end of our time “in office”, and hand over the journal to the new Norwegian team headed by Beatrice Halsaa and Anka Ryall. We pass on the journal with a certain feeling of loss. While it is time-consuming to edit a journal like NORA, it is also a great privilege to be able so closely to follow what is going on in (primarily) Nordic feminist and gender research circles, and to contribute to the broader circulation of this work to an audience outside the Nordic area. When we took over the journal in the autumn of 2012, NORA was about to turn 20 years old. Our first special issue, on feminist resistance and resistance to feminism (vol. 21, no. 4, 2013), took up some of the at times fierce debates within and over feminism that are ongoing in the Nordic countries. The tensions and controversies associated with these debates indicate that feminist research and discussion are still far from being mainstream and exhausted. We are, therefore, convinced that NORA will continue to be a necessary and useful platform for Nordic feminist research and debate over the coming 20 years.

During our three-year editorial period, we have processed more than 300 papers (most of these full-length articles) submitted by authors residing in 23 different countries. Not surprisingly, the single largest number of submissions (still) comes from Sweden (41.3%), and—generally reflecting the Nordic emphasis of NORA—researchers from the five Nordic states contribute more than two-thirds of the total number of papers. We in the Danish team have been happy to follow in the footsteps of the previous Swedish team, although we have made minor adjustments to the organization of the editorial work and the various genres of papers in the journal. In addition, we initiated a Nordic feminist and gender conference, held in Roskilde, Denmark, aiming to enhance the Nordic conversation on feminist issues and to meet our readers and potential authors face to face. The conference was organized independently of the editorial team by researchers attached to the Roskilde University Centre for Gender, Power and Diversity (CKMM) and FREIA at Aalborg University, Denmark. We would like to thank the organizers and to express the hope that this will not be a one-off event.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the people who have been involved with NORA over the past three years. As chief editors, we would first of all like to thank the rest of the Danish editorial team: the editorial secretaries (sequentially Tabitta Flyger, Heidi Kohsel, Lisbeth Rieszøj Amos, and Lotte Schjødt Nielsen); Lene Myong, NORA’s Book Review Editor, and the wonderful NORA Junior Editorial Board (Tabitta Flyger, Anna Sofie Bach, Lise Dilling-Hansen, and Ann-Karina Henriksen). Thanks also to all the people at NORA’s publishing house, Taylor & Francis, including Victoria Babbitt, ElisaBeth Alexis, and Michelle Peters. And to linguistic editor Liz Sourbut not least for being efficient and very flexible. Aalborg University and the Department of Culture
and Global Studies have been very supportive of *NORA* over the years (thank you Henrik Halkier and Marianne Rostgaard!). The Roskilde University Centre for Gender, Power and Diversity has also contributed with support. In all, it has been a true pleasure to work with these wonderful people!

Finally, and most importantly: we would like to thank the authors, the reviewers (we include a list of reviewers at the end of this issue), and the readers of the journal. Without you, none of us would have mattered. We hope you will keep up the good work and we are looking forward to meeting you soon at a conference near you!

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