

# EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

This issue of *Pacific Geographies* covers a wide range of topics, again, which will hopefully find your interest. Among others, it includes two essays, one more personal and one more academic reflection about Beijing respectively about Hanoi. Both essays were written by long-time residents who have left those fascinating cities in the meantime and now throw a look back.

Further, we glad to announce, that Matthias Kowasch has recently reinforced our editorial team. Since January 2014, he has been working as a lecturer at the Department of Geography at University of Bremen. Matthias hold a PhD in human geography about the participation of the indigenous Kanak people in the development of the nickel sector in the French overseas territory New Caledonia. In this context he did extensive fieldwork in Kanak villages. His research interests are resource exploitation, governance, indigenous people's issues and textbook research. Before arriving in Bremen, Matthias worked at the University of New Caledonia and he was a postdoc at the Institute of Research for Development (IRD) in Noumea. In addition to his work at University of Bremen, Matthias is teaching in a high school near Bremen. Matthias will particularly contribute to the development and the internationalization of our journal and is looking forward to receiving submissions - particularly dealing with Oceania.

The next issue shall cover again a specific topic. In case you are interested in guest editing a Special Issue of *Pacific Geographies*, please let us know your topic suggestion as soon as possible.

We hope you enjoy this new issue of *Pacific Geographies*.

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The photo shows a Beijing security  
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欄街), Xicheng District, Beijing, the  
ancient business and entertainment  
center of the Chinese capital. The old  
men is sneakily drinking what looks  
to be tea, but really is baijiu (白酒), a  
strong Chinese liquor from a tea-set.

