

## EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

We are delighted to present you a new issue of Pacific Geographies with contributions about the colonial heritage in German museums, postcolonial perspectives of a German NGO and an introduction to two research projects in Southeast Asia.

The first article focusses on the 250,000 Oceanic objects stored in German museums today. Because museum collections are made up of relations as much as they are made up of things, Stephanie Walda-Mandel (Übersee-Museum Bremen) discusses how, why and by whom artefacts are collected. She argues that museum curators aim to show contemporary topics such as current and historic migration, climate change, and other processes of change. Objects should be embedded in a wider context of their provenance.

The second contribution by Annkatrin Löffler and Mats Garbe, analyses the work of an intercultural NGO, Pazifik Netzwerk e.V, from the viewpoint of postcolonial theories. The authors argue that (European) NGOs are not outside of power-relations and have their own dynamics.

Two introductions to research projects and a book review complete the present issue of Pacific Geographies. Dirk Schwede and Yuanchen Wang (University of Stuttgart) present their project on climate-adapted material research for the socio-economic context in Vietnam, while Oliver Tappe (University of Hamburg) discusses the project "Competing regional integrations in Southeast Asia – new approaches and interdisciplinary dialogues". Britta Schmitz finally reviews the book "Wish Lanterns - Young Lives in New China", published by Alec Ash.

We sincerely hope you enjoy your readings of this issue.

The managing editors,  
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