

EDITORIAL

With this issue the *EBHR* returns to the UK for the next phase of its nomadic existence. We are very grateful indeed to our colleagues in France for their stewardship of the journal over the past four years. They have set very high standards for us to follow and we will endeavour to match them.

'Himalayan Studies' tends to be rather dominated by work on Nepali topics, and this is often reflected in the content of the *EBHR*. This is not surprising, given not only Nepal's geographical location and dimensions but also its accessibility and the potential it offers for research in a wide range of disciplinary fields. None the less, we would like to include as many articles as possible in each issue that spring from research conducted in other parts of the Himalaya.

It is therefore very good to be able to publish Arik Moran's fascinating article on the history of the Sutlej valley in this issue. Also, Gérard Toffin's essay ends with very cogent points about citizenship in Nepal, but arrives at its destination via discussions of citizenship in France and India. On Nepal we have three very strong contributions, from Mara Malagodi, Sam Cowan and Ian Martin. Malagodi's article discusses a crucial aspect of the drafting of the 1990 Constitution that has a direct bearing on current debates, while Cowan's and Martin's articles feed straight into ongoing political discussions in Nepal, and we hope they will be read by the main players there.

—Michael Hutt