The Journal of European Social Policy has reached an important milestone. This issue is the first one in our thirtieth volume. The journal has, as per its original aims, indeed become a key arena for showcasing cutting-edge comparative European social policy research and for debating key developments in the field. We, the editors of JESP, together with the editorial board, have decided that our thirtieth anniversary is certainly worth a celebration.

Since JESP has a close relationship with ESPAnet, we will mark our anniversary with a special event at the next ESPAnet conference in Leuven in September 2020. We are happy to announce that the local ESPAnet organisers have allocated space in the conference programme for a special JESP anniversary roundtable discussion on “The Past and the Future of Comparative Social Policy Research”, to be held on Wednesday 2 September. The panel will feature four speakers who have decisively contributed to social policy scholarship and debates in JESP over the years. Three of our speakers, Giuliano Bonoli, Ana M. Guillén and Jon Kvist are also long-standing JESP editorial board members, while Dorota Szelewa is a past winner of the JESP/ESPAnet Doctoral Researcher Prize (in 2008, with an article co-authored with Michal P. Polakowski). We are also grateful that Graham Room, the founding editor of JESP, has agreed to chair our anniversary panel.

An excellent way to celebrate our work is to carry on with some more work and so obviously we remain open for manuscript submissions from colleagues in order to continue our collective pursuit of advancing knowledge and debating key developments in comparative European social policy research. As always, in addition to authoritative research articles, we will continue to publish our special format articles, namely the Forum, the European Briefing and Thematic Review. In this issue we are also happy to publish the winning paper of the 2019 JESP/ESPAnet Doctoral Researcher Prize, entitled “Support for a universal basic income: A demand-capacity paradox?”, authored by Zachary Parolin and Linus Siöland. Last year we published our first themed section, individual articles on a common theme clustered by us, on “Migration and Social Policy”. The second issue of this volume will see the publication of the next themed section. The topic of this year’s themed section is “Income Inequality and Poverty”. In the fifth issue of the volume, we will publish a special issue on “Immigration and the Welfare State: The Role of Capital and Labour”, with guest editors Flavia Fossati, Gerda Hooijer, Carlo Knotz, and Gemma Scalise.

Finally, we would like to end by thanking everyone who has played a role in making JESP what it is today: First of all, thank you to our past editors, associate editors and book review editors: Graham Room and Anne Jamieson; Ian Gough and Emma Carmel; Jochen Clasen, Traute Meyer and Daniel Clegg. Thank you also to all editorial assistants, copyeditors, proofreaders, and, of course, and everyone who has served on the editorial board during these thirty years. We are happy to announce that the newest editorial board members are Bernhard Ebbinghaus and Dorottya Szikra who joined the editorial board in January 2020. Finally, we want to express our gratitude to all of our authors and especially our dedicated reviewers who do a fantastic service to the profession by peer reviewing the submitted manuscripts often.
under rather strict time constraints. The last item of this issue contains a list of names of all of the reviewers who have submitted reviews during our first two years as editors of JESP. We would also like to highlight that there are many people who have agreed to review more than once and some reviewers have truly gone above and beyond the call of duty with helping us. A number of colleagues have reviewed five or more times during the last couple of years. They are (in alphabetical order) Cecilia Bruzelius, Emanuele Ferragina, Kenneth Nelson, Chiara Saraceno and Stefani Scherer.

Thank you again everyone for your contributions to making JESP a continued success. Here’s to the next 30 volumes!

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