

## Editorial

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We first met in 2008 at the annual conference of the New Zealand Association of Psychotherapists (NZAP) which, that year, was held at Waitangi, the place in Aotearoa New Zealand where, in 1840, a treaty was signed between Māori chiefs and representatives of the British Crown (see Waitangi Tribunal, 2015). The conference, organized by the Northern Branch of the NZAP, with the theme of “Imagining the Other”, was held in Waitangi and in part on a marae (a meeting place for Māori), precisely so that the conference could further explore issues of biculturalism and otherness that had been painfully brought to consciousness the previous year at a unique NZAP conference arranged around four large groups conducted by Teresa. Accounts were subsequently published in the NZAP Journal *Forum* (von Sommaruga, 2007) and in *Group Analysis* (von Sommaruga, 2012). I (Keith) had travelled from the UK to attend the conference, as I was thinking about emigrating, and presented a paper, which was published the following year (Tudor, 2009); I (Teresa) was also attending the conference, conducting a large group workshop on the social unconscious in New Zealand and, as part of the panel opening the conference, presented a paper, which reflected on the work of the previous year. We met in a small group of three overseas attendees and made a connection. Following Keith’s move to Aotearoa New Zealand in 2009, we met again professionally, since when Keith has attended a number of Teresa’s workshops and, most recently, facilitated an invitation for Teresa to conduct a large group as part of a week-long residential training event.

In my role as editor of the journal, I, Keith, have been keen to promote special issues – this is the fifth in the five years of the journal under my editorship. I mentioned this to Teresa early last year who promptly responded not only with a proposed title for this special issue, but also, and in a most timely manner, with the articles that are contained herein. I am most grateful for her prompt and energetic response; it’s been both a great support and delight to me personally and to the journal to see this issue through to production.

Usually in an editorial the editor or editors introduce the articles. In this issue, however, and again, largely due to Teresa’s enthusiasm in providing an article of her own, which reflects on the themes present in the first five articles, we have decided to forgo the introductory aspect of the editorial in favour of directing the reader without delay to the issue itself, including Teresa’s

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reflective and summative contribution. Notwithstanding this, we nonetheless thank (in order of appearance) Dick Blackwell and Farideh Dizadji, David Ferraro, Angie Voela, Spyridon Loutsos, and Penelope Campling, for their excellent articles.

As this issue went to press, the journal heard that it had been accepted for inclusion in Scopus. Scopus is a bibliographic database containing abstracts and citations for academic journal articles, which covers nearly 22,000 titles from over 5,000 publishers. *Psychotherapy and Politics International* has been evaluated for inclusion in Scopus by the independent Content Selection & Advisory Board. The comments from the evaluation review included the following:

The editor and editorial board are internationally diverse and of good standing in this rather limited field. Although the field of study represents a somewhat narrow niche and, in spite of the fact that the journal publishes a limited number of articles per year, this publication is well cited in the literature. Thus, it must be providing an important outlet for studies on psychotherapy and politics .... We wish the publisher and editors continued success.

I am delighted to report this, and very appreciative of the work that Nick Totton, the founding Editor of *PPI*, did during his tenure (2003–2011) to establish the standard of the journal, and of Wiley-Blackwell in supporting the application to Elsevier. Whilst this achievement may not be of direct import or interest to all the journal's readers or contributors, it is to others and, in any case, will raise the profile and standing of the journal.

The next volume of *PPI* will be on "Global Transformation", based on the contributions to an international online event organized and hosted by Online Events in the UK ([onlineevents.co.uk](http://onlineevents.co.uk)). As I (Keith) have mentioned before, further special, themed issues are planned on "Apology and Forgiveness", "Research", and "Supervision", as noted on the journal's website and ScholarOne, its online submission platform. While the subject of this issue is neoliberalism and austerity, the articles in themselves are not austere, we hope you enjoy them.

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