

Editorial

I have great and especial pleasure in introducing this issue to the readers of *Psychotherapy and Politics International* (*PPI*). For some years, I have harboured the idea of bringing two subjects—transactional analysis (TA) and politics—each and both of which have been close to my heart, mind, work life and activity for many years. I am also delighted to welcome and thank Bill Cornell, an elder in the TA community, a colleague and friend, for his acceptance of my invitation to co-edit this issue—tēnā koe, thank you, Bill. I am also grateful to the international TA community for its response to the call for papers for this issue, as a result of which we have some 17 voices in 13 contributions, one of the largest issues in the journal's history—and, as we had such a good response, further articles on the subject will appear in future, generic issues of the journal.

You, the reader, will also see that we have reproduced two pieces of writing from Eric Berne (1910–1970), the founder of TA, in this issue; both Bill and I are grateful to Terry Berne, Eric Berne's son, for his permission to reproduce them as well as for his support for this project/issue. Terry is very involved in curating his father's legacy, not least in the development of the Eric Berne Archives at the University of California, San Francisco: www.ericbernearchives.org, which are a great source for research on TA as well as Eric Berne.

I would also like to take this opportunity to note my thanks to Leah Royden, my editorial assistant on the journal for the past year for her hard work, excellent editing and people skills, which I know many contributions have appreciated, and her overall efficiency—tēnā koe, Leah. At the same time, I am delighted to welcome Dr Shoba Nayar, who has taken up Leah's mantle in the middle not only of a special issue but also a pandemic and a change of management and production team at Wiley! Shoba is already proving invaluable—nau mai, haere mai, welcome, Shoba.

As we were thinking about the construction and presentation of this special issue, Bill and I decided that, instead of writing an extensive introduction to the issue, we would offer a concluding article that offers some reflections on and dialogue about the issue—which we've done, and, so, without further ado, I'll leave you to this special issue of *PPI* on TA and politics.

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