

I am delighted to write a few words by way of introducing this special themed issue of *Psychotherapy and Politics International* on "Therapists' Lived Experience" edited by Dr Deborah Lee.

Deborah suggested this topic for a special themed issue of *Psychotherapy and Politics International* some time ago. I was pleased that she did, and now, having read all the contributions to the issue, I am delighted that she did. Deborah is a great advocate for the voice of people with lived experience, including therapists, and I am grateful to her for the enormous amount of work that she has put into supporting people to contribute to the issue, and to processing the submissions in a way that has been both sensitive to the contributor and to the material while also honouring the integrity of journal by upholding the rigour of the peer-review process and, therefore, assuring the quality of both the issue and the journal. The result is a rich, diverse, evocative and provocative issue that is all about psychotherapy (and other forms of "psy" therapeutic work) and politics, and which adds to and challenges our understanding of the complexity of this interplay, especially as it relates to therapists with lived experiences. In recommending this issue to you, the reader, I also encourage you to read Deborah's editorial which is, in effect, a review article that introduces the thesis of the issue.

Deborah is also a very active associate editor of the journal, and I thank her not only for producing this great issue but also for her continuing support for, and advocacy of, the journal itself—tēnā koe, thank you, Deborah.

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