Editorial

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Myriam Khlat, the senior member of the editorial duo, has decided to step down after serving as an editor for 4 years. During this period, the number of manuscripts submitted to *European Journal of Population* has significantly increased and the number of articles published has risen. Most importantly, Myriam's working principle—quickly separate the wheat from the chaff and focus on the manuscripts with a (high) potential—has increased the efficiency of the review process and ensured that the best manuscripts receive considerable feedback before they are published. Personally, I would also like to thank Myriam for valuable advice over the last 2 years.

The Council of EAPS and The Springer have appointed Catherine Gourbin as a new co-editor of the journal. Catherine is associate professor of demography at the Catholic University of Louvain. She was trained in sociology and anthropology at the University of Paris V and she holds a DPhil in demography from Louvain. Catherine's research interests are in the fields of reproductive health and ageing populations. She has published numerous articles on the impact of childbearing at late ages on child morbidity and mortality, and on cognitive dependencies among the elderly in Europe; from 2002 to 2008, she chaired the EAPS Working Group on Late Fertility and its Implications.

There are further changes in the editorial team. Gijs Beets, the book review editor, and Marie Digoix, the administrative editor, have also stepped down from their tasks. On behalf of the current and former editors, I would like to thank Gijs and Marie for their long-term contribution to the journal's development.

Laura Bernardi, associate professor of demography and sociology of the life course at the University of Lausanne, has been appointed as a new book review editor. After her training in philosophy and history, Laura received a Masters degree in demography from the Catholic University of Louvain and a DPhil from the

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University of Rome “La Sapienza”. Her research interests lie within the fields of family, fertility and life-course studies; she is an expert of mixed methods in demographic research. From 2003 to 2009, she was Head of the Independent Research Group on the Culture of Reproduction at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research and assistant professor at the University of Rostock.

I am very pleased to welcome Catherine and Laura in the (international) editorial team of *European Journal of Population* and look forward to working with them for the journal.