Editor's note

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This issue of the *Journal of Population Research* marks the first issue published by Springer Science and Business Media. This is a significant move for the journal, having been previously published in house by the *Australian Population Association*. The Association is pleased for the journal to join the company of other population journals at Springer.

The journal was first published under the name of the *Journal of the Australian Population Association* in 1984. Publishing two issues per year, the journal was edited by Lado Ruzicka (Chair), Reginald Appleyard, Martin Bell, Gavin Jones and Gigi Santow. At that time the journal was 'devoted primarily to the dissemination of information, analyses, and views on Australia's population and related issues'. While not limited to Australia, the journal did focus on research from the Asia-Pacific region. The journal immediately became an important outlet for publishing Australian demographic research.

Over the following years the journal relaxed the emphasis on publishing material from the region and widened the scope of the journal. In 2000, Editor Heather Booth took the journal in a new direction. The name of the journal was changed to the *Journal of Population Research* and the newly-branded journal explicitly addressed 'population research of global interest'.

For those readers who are not familiar with the material which is published in this journal, the *Journal of Population Research* is a peer-reviewed, international journal which publishes papers on demography and population-related issues; although it is fair to say that we specialize in demographic research from Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific, and South and Southeast Asia. However coverage is not restricted geographically. The Journal publishes substantive empirical analyses, theoretical works, applied research and contributions to methodology. Submissions may take

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the form of original research papers, perspectives, shorter technical research notes and book reviews.

The editorial team welcomes submissions to the journal and hopes that readers enjoy the papers which are published in the *Journal of Population Research*.