Editorial

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This issue marks the fifth year of *French Politics*. During that time, we have been pleased to publish work of the highest disciplinary rigor dealing with a wide variety of theoretical and empirical questions relating to the constantly evolving French political system. As editors, we have been gratified by both the quality and quantity of submissions to the journal, making the task of assigning reviewers all the more (thankfully) time-consuming; we have been equally gratified by the willingness, on the part of those we have asked, to help in this vital but onerous process. Their names can be found on the final pages of each volume.

Our fifth year brings change. We give our most sincere thanks to the outgoing members of our Executive Board — Vincent Hoffmann-Martinot, John Huber, Amy Mazur, and Anand Menon. Despite myriad research, teaching, and administrative responsibilities, each has helped us in all aspects of our endeavours: finding reviewers, soliciting manuscripts, and publicizing the journal being high on the list. In addition, they have provided wise counsel and good company on numerous occasions. Thank you.

In their stead, we welcome four new members, who will join John Gaffney and Andy Smith, the latter having graciously accepted to serve a second term. Nonna Mayer will be joining the Executive Board, and needs little introduction; it is a great pleasure for us to welcome someone who has such a long and committed involvement with political science around the world. Nonna is a Director of Research at CEVIPOF in Paris, and the current President of the *Association Française de Science Politique* (AFSP). Sophie Meunier, currently a research scholar in Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, will also be joining us; readers will be familiar with her extensive published work on European Union politics, globalization, and French foreign policy. Eric Bélanger of the Université de Montréal, a frequent contributor and collaborator, is another new member; Eric has compiled a distinguished record of publication in the area of political behavior and electoral studies. Last but not least, Ben Clift from the University of Warwick, UK, joins the Executive Board. Ben is Senior Lecturer in International Political Economy as well as a student of the *Parti socialiste*.

Another change concerns the Review Editor. We were unfortunate to lose the more than able services of Catherine Fieschi, although our loss was

tempered by the knowledge that she was thrilled to move into a new position with the think-tank Demos. Filling her shoes is no easy task, but we have been more than fortunate to secure the services of Pepper Culpepper from Harvard University. Pepper brings a new energy and vision to the position, and the reader will find an introduction from him in this issue. We are grateful to him and confident that the review section remains in very good hands.

Finally, perhaps the most tangible change from the standpoint of readers and subscribers. We are moving to four issues per year! This welcome news signals both the continued success of the journal and the steadfast commitment of our publisher, Palgrave. When we began this adventure together, we were apprehensive about the response of our colleagues in the political science community. Any doubts we may have had have been dispelled by the experience of the past four years, and we have received help and support from many, many people. Now we are moving to a quarterly, we have a simple message; keep doing the research, and keep the manuscripts and ideas coming. It is so pleasing to see more and more papers at major conferences presenting work on France, or comparing France with other cases, and we continue to aim at being the primary outlet for such work. As always, we remain grateful for the support of our readership and hope that you find the journal as stimulating to read as it is for us to steward.