Editorial

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This is the final issue of IGA under the editorship of Darren Halpin and Beth Leech. As of Issue 1, 2022, we are delighted to announce that Professor Timothy LaPira of James Madison University and Professor Anne Rasmussen of the University of Copenhagen will succeed us as co-editors. We are also delighted to confirm that Professor Heath Brown of John Jay College will continue in his role as Associate Editor.

This issue also marks the end of the first decade for Interest Groups & Advocacy. The journal has marked many milestones in its ten-year history and during the eight-year co-editorship of Halpin and the six-year co-editorship of Leech. In 2020, the journal transitioned from three issues a year to four issues, a change we expect to remain. Brown joined the journal in 2013, first as book review editor and then as associate editor, adding social media and outreach on behalf of the journal to his portfolio.

The journal's prominence has grown throughout these ten years. It now is indexed in all major indexing services, including SCOPUS and the Web of Science, having been selected as a journal to watch in the Emerging Sources Citation Index in 2015. In the past five years, the journal's Scimago Journal Rank (SJR) has been consistently in the first or second quarter of all journals in Sociology and Political Science, and our Altmetric score measuring media attention to our articles has been steadily growing, thanks in large part to work by Associate Editor Brown.

The interest group field, broadly considered, has benefitted from establishing its own field journal. Not only does it give scholars a place to go to engage in specialised discussions but also to draw connections with the broader discipline. In this regard, the development of a series of special issues, we think, has been an important development. Themes ranging from methods, international relations, comparative politics, and teaching have helped to build and broaden the audience for the

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journal; bringing in allied researchers who at first blush may not have considered themselves interest group scholars. A special thanks to the numerous special issue editors who had the vision to identify a gap and to collaborate with us on filling it.

Many individuals have made our task much easier. First and foremost are the numerous authors and reviewers with which we have had the pleasure of interacting. Even in the midst of a global pandemic, we have been encouraged by the generosity of colleagues in stepping up to submit their best work to our journal and in turn to offer their services as reviewers of our many submissions.

We are grateful too for the continuing support of Palgrave/Springer (UK). Their championing of the journal at its inception was a big boost to our subfield, and we continue to appreciate their conviction that our journal meets the needs of an important—and growing—community of scholars.

There is still much to be done. And we have every confidence in this new team to steer a productive path forward and to continue to bolster the subfield of interest groups and advocacy.

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