



A NOTE FROM THE NEW BOOK REVIEW EDITOR

Dear *RIAS* readers (old and new),

I am pleased to announce that, starting with this issue, our journal will include a completely redesigned Book Review Section, featuring three to five high-quality reviews by leading and emerging scholars from around the world. As for the selection of the books to be reviewed, even though I am a literary scholar, it is my intention as Review Editor to consider books that engage with the U.S. and the Americas as a hemispheric and global phenomenon from a wide range of perspectives and disciplines, including anthropology, art history, and media studies. Given the constraints associated with a slim editorial staff, during this first phase we will be able to publish only reviews written in English—a language many of us share as readers—but, in the future, I will also proactively seek out scholars interested in reviewing monographs, coauthored works, collection of essays, and anthologies published in languages other than English. If you would like to submit a book review or send us a review copy, or have other ideas about how to improve the Review Section, please send me a message at manlio.dellamarca@lmu.de

As a longtime reader of *RIAS*, I'm thrilled to come on board as Book Review Editor and would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to *RIAS* Editor-in-Chief, Giorgio Mariani, and to all the members of the Editorial Board for thinking of me. I would also like to thank Mark Olival-Bartley—my English copyeditor here at LMU Munich—for his willingness to join this editorial project and for his hard work. Having studied applied

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linguistics in his home state of Hawaii, Mark is not only a dedicated graduate student but also a working poet—a wordsmith, in a word, who will closely work with me to ensure that every published review is a first-rate piece of writing.

I look forward to working with you and to meeting many of you in person at at one of our events in the near future.

*Manlio Della Marca
Book Review Editor, RIAS*