

Editorial

This is the 50th issue of the journal of the Institute for Social Movements. The journal has been published under five different titles for over 35 years.¹ We wish to thank all readers and subscribers for maintaining their interest in our work and holding their faith with our organisation over many years. We also wish to welcome the new readers, authors and subscribers from all over the world. The ongoing transition, from a predominantly German journal to an international journal published in English, takes time and vigour. While English has become the major common language that allows more and more scholars from across the globe to discuss their research directly with each other, and while there is a growing institutional demand for internationalisation reinforcing this process, we realise that this is a great challenge for many academics and also our long-standing readership.

As both social history and the history of social movements have enjoyed strong transnational connections, empirically as well as conceptually, and their study is interdisciplinary by nature, the editors of this journal are very happy to see it turning into a suitable platform of exchange for academics from a great variety of backgrounds. The present issue of *Moving the Social* deals with a number of highly diverse and fascinating themes, including the industrialisation and nature in the Ruhr (Hillary Angelo), disability movements in West Germany's 1970s (Gabriele Lingelbach and Jan Stoll), the influence of Kropotkin's ideas on Czech anarchism (Lenka Rovná), social movements in Latin America (Susan Eckstein), land occupation in a Brazilian city after the Second World War (Antonio L. Negro) and a political-economic view of social movements (Sabrina Zajak). It also includes a conference report on workers' participation at the plant level (Joyce Abebrese and Sabrina Zajak) and a review article concerning recent publications on the history of capitalism (Franziskus von Boeselager). We appreciate these contributions from scholars from different disciplines, generations and countries, and we hope their work will be inspiring for our readers and future authors.

We are now looking forward to the next 50 issues.

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1 It has been entitled *Mitteilungen der Bibliothek zur Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung* (1977–1978), *Mitteilungsblatt des Instituts zur Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung* (1979–1984), *Mitteilungsblatt des Instituts zur Geschichte der europäischen Arbeiterbewegung* (1987–1998), *Mitteilungsblatt des Instituts für soziale Bewegungen* (1999–2011), and since 2012 it has been published as *Moving the Social: Journal of Social History and the History of Social Movements*. For the history of the institute, see especially Jürgen Mittag/Thomas Urban (eds.): *Brückenschläge: Stiftung Bibliothek des Ruhrgebiets und Institut für soziale Bewegungen*, Essen 2008. For the history of the journal see also Stefan Berger/Jürgen Mittag: Editorial: Vom Mitteilungsblatt zum Journal – Rückblicke und Ausblicke/From Mitteilungsblatt to Journal – Looking Back and Forward, in: *MtS* 47 (2012), pp. 7–14.