

## *Introduction*

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# Celebrating Ten Volumes

This issue marks the completion of ten volumes of *New Proposals*. It's an accomplishment that I didn't envision when more than a decade ago my friends and colleagues Kate McCaffrey, Anthony Marcus, and I toyed with the idea of a setting up a Marxist academic journal. We met as students in the anthropology doctoral program at the City University of New York in the early 1990s. We shared a similar history of left activism that contributed to our antipathy toward then fashionable post-modernism. When we both found ourselves in the academy we wondered about the absence of a place for unashamed radical scholarship – and this journal was born.

We've covered a lot of ground since our first issue in 2007 – timed for release to commemorate International Workers Day. David Hakken's (2007) long paper on the political economy of knowledge in cyberspace was coupled with our own call for "class struggle anthropology" (Menzies and Marcus 2007). June Nash wrote in 2008 about the way in which 'development' led to genocide in one country and ethnocide in another. Development is, as Nash documented, no innocent technocratic process; it's clearly about expropriation and expansion of capitalism.

We've had special issues, such as that guest edited by Scott Simon on capitalism and Indigenous peoples (2011, Vol. 5:1). In 2010 we featured *Indigenous Nation and Marxism* (Vol. 3:3). Both issues highlighted perspectives that simultaneously respected the cultural particularities of Indigenous societies without denying the material realities of actually existing Indigenous societies in which interconnection with capitalist relations of production are fact.

One recent issue features student autoethnographies (2018, Vol. 9:2). One aspect of being an anthropologist involves prying into other peoples' lives. If we are unwilling to probe ourselves with a similar degree of intensity, what right do we have to ask other people to share? This group of students accepted the challenge and their work shows the power of turning the anthropological gaze back onto itself.

This current issue continues our approach to a varied multidisciplinary progressive scholarship. Here we cover the gamut: Indigenous education and colonialism – radical sociology – post-capitalist futures. There is a delight bringing forward scholarship that might otherwise never see the light of day!