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Editorial Note

Dear Reader,

The Global Histories Student Journal was born from our first Global History Student Conference which was held in April 2015. This conference was organised by a small group of dedicated students from the Humboldt-Universität and Freie Universität in Berlin who together were able to prepare and host a two-day conference which featured a diverse array of topics, presented by forty participants from across the world, on the theme of global history. The success of this event has provided the impetus for this project: a student journal dedicated to inquiry into the burgeoning field of global history. As with the conference, strong emphasis is placed on this journal being a project organised by and for students. It provides a space within which young scholars can exhibit and explore their work in dialogue with others. It aims to highlight the possibilities of student authorship and editorial skill, and develop a network for further collaboration.

This first volume of the journal is conceived as a direct response to the conference in April 2015 as its principal theme. It presents a number of papers delivered by students at the conference in Berlin in order to exhibit their talent and underscore the diversity of overlapping themes which characterised the conference. Alongside these are summaries of its ten panels, which capture the discursive atmosphere and cross section of ideas which occurred. Also included is a summary of the final discussion from the conference, which featured all of the participants and focused on evaluating the state of global history and its frontiers. In an effort to reinforce these themes, this edition also contains three book reviews and three conference/summer school reports.

Although this journal arose from the efforts of the conference team, it is not merely meant to be an extension of the annual conference. Although the two projects will remain linked, this journal is intended to provide a platform for further discussion and presentation of research from students across the globe, and not merely as a showcase for those able to attend a single weekend of the year. To that end, the next issue will be published in June 2016 and we encourage students to consider submitting their research. If you are interested, please keep your eye on our website (<http://www.globalhistories.com>) which will advertise the next call for papers, along with the theme for the summer edition, in January.

Thank you for taking the time to read our efforts,
The Editorial Team