

Letter from the Guest Editors

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Thanks to rapid and unpredictable changes in the world of publishing, there have been long delays involved in getting these collected papers into press. The process has taken much effort and, given that Albert Schrauwers moved to Canada shortly after the workshop, has involved much reliance on transatlantic emails. The emails and the effort have – in the final analysis – proved well worth it. Thanks are due to our funders, to discussants and participants in the original workshop, to all the authors for responding timeously and innovatively to editorial suggestions, and to the editorial team at *Itinerario*.

We hope that this volume will serve to stimulate further investigations into the world of comparative European colonialisms, alongside the work on the English endeavour which so far has dominated the field.

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