

## EDITORIAL

The *Bulletin* primarily reviews books published in North America, with the occasional inclusion of books from Europe and the Middle East. Virtually all the books are written in English. In the current issue I have begun to widen the range of languages covered in the reviews and essays.

First, I invited a Lebanese and an Israeli scholar to become corresponding editors and to write annual essays on publications in their countries in Arabic and Hebrew, respectively. In this issue, Ahmad S. Moussalli, political scientist at the American University of Beirut, critiques recent studies in Arabic on the political economy of the Arab world, with particular emphasis on the impact of globalization on regional political-economic relations and on the autonomy of the nation-state. Baruch Kimmerling, sociologist at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, addresses the diverse ways in which Israeli scholars and filmmakers are analyzing the 50th anniversary of Israel's establishment. I hope to include Iranian and Turkish scholars as corresponding editors in the future.

Second, I received permission from Shafeeq Ghabra, political scientist at Kuwait University and editor of its *Journal of the Social Sciences*, to translate reviews of Arabic language books that are published in that journal. Bashar Tarabieh provided skillful translations of several reviews, which I then edited for style and length. The first two translated reviews appear in the "modern history and politics" section. Mr. Tarabieh is preparing additional translations, which will be printed in the winter.

Third, I began to invite directors of research centers in the Middle East to send abstracts concerning their publications. A report on the Arabic language publications of The Center for the Study of Developing Countries at Cairo University, prepared by its director Mustapha Kamel al-Sayyid, is published in this issue.

I have also included the four remaining sections of the ten year index, which cover essays, audiovisuals, memorials, and correspondence. Due to the resulting space limitations, I could not include the list of dissertations for 1997. However, that list will be published in the winter.

Linda S. Thomas, my talented assistant editor, is leaving Villanova this fall to enter the doctoral program in History and Middle East Studies at New York University. Although I will miss her dedicated attention to the *Bulletin*, I am pleased that Concetta M. Seminara has agreed to become the new assistant editor. Ms. Seminara is completing the MA program in English and Publishing at Rosemont College and already has considerable experience as a production editor for medical journals published by Lippincott-Raven Publishers and W. B. Saunders Company. I am looking forward to working with her during the coming year.

