

Letter from the Editors

Although the next millennium is still a year away, *Itinerario* has already witnessed some major changes. Our long time editor Leonard Blussé has decided to concentrate on his ambitious TANAP-project. However, fortunately for us he has accepted an offer to remain affiliated with our journal as a member of the Editorial Board. To compensate for Leonard's expertise and experience, we needed no less than two new editors to fill his place. They are Bhaswati Bhattacharya, whose expertise lies in early modern Asian history, and Peer Vries, who will be our man for early modern world historical issues, like the rise of the West.

Our first issue of 1999 offers you a fine mix of articles, two of them as a result of the 1998 *Itinerario* conference on the American Experience in Asia. We also continue the debate on David Landes' *Wealth and Poverty of Nations*, while Roger Knight discusses the coolie in colonial Java. The Americas are represented with an article by Luciano Raposo de Almeida Figueiredo on revolts and colonial identity in the Portuguese colonies. Finally, we are happy to publish an interesting article by Stefan Kras on Senghor's rise to power, based on archival research in Aix-en-Provence.

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