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Editorial

It seemed appropriate, given the lead article and visual material on subverting, to dedicate this issue to scholars whom many would regard as subversive. These scholars were people who, whilst they were well versed in the so-called ‘canonical texts of Empire’, had the vision to recognize at a very early date that there was a wide body of literature in those countries which had formerly been coloured red on the map of the world. One cannot overestimate the influence of these scholars, not only on the students they taught, but also on the younger generations taught by their students. Time has justified their foresight and Richard Tipping’s warning, ‘Caution. There is No Avant-Garde. Only Those Who Have Been Left Behind’ is, I believe, a very appropriate remark. And so I dedicate this issue to Victor Dupont, R.T. Robertson, Doireann MacDermott, Bernard Hickey, Hena Maes-Jelinek, Britta Olinder, Michel Fabre and Lars Hartveit and, on behalf of many others, thank them for their vision.

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