

PREFACE TO ISSUE 3

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In 2022, *Persona Studies* has shifted our publication strategy to allow for three issues per year, in consultation with our International Advisory Board and Editorial Board. Issues 1 and 2 remain as they currently stand: themed issues published in the second and fourth quarters of each calendar year. In addition to these, and replacing the Open Submission section of the themed issue, we are adding issue 3. This issue will see articles and creative responses that are not aligned with a themed issue published on a rolling basis. The rolling issue will be led by a Managing Editor (in 2022, that is me), and the issue will grow across the year as more papers are added. We see several key benefits of this strategy:

- authors will see their work published in a timely fashion,
- focused editorial support for authors will be available to ensure the continued high standards of work published in the journal,
- where disruption or necessary revisions mean that meeting the publication date of a themed issue is not possible, the work can be published as soon as completed,
- there is reduced pressure to find large numbers of available peer reviewers at the same time, and
- the journal can respond quickly to time sensitive issues.

Because papers are published across the calendar year, issue 3 is likely to be the first issue available each year. However, our Boards agreed that using the 'issue 3' designation was the least problematic naming option.

We look forward to seeing a diversity of scholarship published across the year in issue 3.