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## Director's Note

Welcome to the third edition of the North Carolina Journal of European Studies (NCJES). Thank you for reading. The outstanding work of our students and this year's Managing Editor, Jacob Gunderson, have made the publication of this volume possible. We extend our thanks to Rebekah Kati of Davis Library for all her help as we prepared for the publication of this year's volume. A special thanks to the UNC CES Advisory Board and all of the faculty colleagues who mentored students as they worked on their submissions for this volume. And thank you to the College of Arts and Sciences and the Senior Associate Dean for Social Sciences and Global Programs, Rudi Colloredo-Mansfeld, for supporting this project and our students.

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