

FOREWORD

When the Volume 20 of the *Bulletin of Portuguese/Japanese Studies* (BPJS) was published in the end of 2012, the first volume where I assumed the role of editor in association with Giovanni Raneri as Associate Editor, we both foresaw major changes to this Journal.

As stated in the Editorial then written we considered some of the major challenges faced by the *BPJS*, as the adaptation to new academic contexts and (inter)disciplinary frameworks, to new and ever-improving criteria of scientific production, as well as the urge to meet new profiles of academic research. We also took as one of our most immediate aims to update the publication of the *BPJS*.

For all the above reasons, we decided that it was time to begin a new series of the *BPJS* starting in 2015 with an on-line publication that will answer to the international publishing *criteria* for scientific journals in the field of the Humanities.

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