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Editorial

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Border Crossing journal has been home to multidisciplinary debates and scholarship since 2011. We have been trialling “open issue” model where articles are submitted and reviewed on a rolling basis year-round and if accepted, published without delay until the cut off date. Thus we set each volume to have two issues covering the first and second half of each year.

Following two successful volumes, now it is established, and we are pleased to present four research papers in this issue of Border Crossing. We are grateful to our authors, reviewers, editorial board members, co-editors and readers for their support and contributions to the success of the Journal.

In this issue, the first paper Argun Abrek Canbolat explores the possibilities of extended consciousness revisiting the extended mind hypothesis. He plays with the parity principle, which is followed by a review of the literature including key scholars’ work such as Andy Clark, Victor Loughlin, and Karina Vold.

The second contribution is by Philip L. Martin. Philip’s always clear approach underlines the simplicity and factual aspects of contemporary migration debate with reference to the Trump administration. His brief and critical account of the Administration’s policies and approach to immigration in the US is very informative backed up with facts and pointing to the possibilities and failures. It is a valuable record of American immigration policymaking.

Carsten Schaefer’s paper reminds us of the role and impact of the sending governments in the current migration and integration challenges. Carsten argues that sending nation’s impact is often ignored. Rightly he points out the efforts by sending governments in reaching and controlling “their” diasporas. Many sending countries, especially emerging market economies are trying to do so. However, Carsten is taking on the largest one: China! He discusses the Chinese effort in using diaspora to achieve the desired image in the international arena as well as fostering economic progress.

The last paper by Peter O’Brien draws our attention to the recently ever more topical feature of migration debates: the border. O’Brien presents a comprehensive review of the growing literature

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on the borders and their role in inclusion and exclusion. He aims to contribute to the theory of differential inclusion by providing a more “nuanced understanding of processes of bordering that comprehends irregular migration as a phenomenon that is not only officially denounced and combatted but also unofficially tolerated and facilitated by European states”. As usual, we hope these articles will be received as inspiring and useful for the scholars and students of social sciences alike.

