

## EDITORIAL

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One of my most pleasant tasks in taking over the editorship of *PentecoStudies* is to thank the outgoing editor Allan Anderson for the tremendous work he has done for the journal over the last five and a half years and for the smooth transition in editorship he has facilitated. I am very grateful for his excellent scholarship and insights over the years, not just in matters related to this journal but in the study of global Pentecostalism in general. Under Allan's leadership *PentecoStudies* has grown steadily in quality and readership, and was included in the most important journal packages and indices. *PentecoStudies* is now an established outlet for the study of global Pentecostalism, while staying close to its ethos of exploring themes on the forefront of scholarship in connecting researchers from multiple disciplines and all across the globe.

This special issue on Pentecostalism in the Lusophone world continues in this tradition. It was edited by Natalia Zawiejska from the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, who studied Pentecostal communities in Lisbon and Angola for her PhD. During her time as a visiting scholar at the Centre of World Christianity at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, she organized a workshop on Christianity in the Lusophone world. This workshop probed the usefulness and limits of Lusophone identity for the Christian communities and networks in countries with a Portuguese colonial or linguistic heritage. It contained multiple papers relating to Pentecostalism, which were especially interesting in this regard, because on the one hand, the movement tends to follow the cultural and migratory flows of the Lusophone world, but on the other hand also transcends them via its Anglophone and Protestant leanings.

I am therefore very thankful to Natalia for agreeing to edit this special issue on "Pentecostalism in the Lusophone World" with a

selection of papers from the workshop. The resulting volume brings together case studies from four different regions, while exploring the distinctiveness of Lusophone networks within Pentecostalism. To my knowledge, this has never been attempted in such a multi-regional approach and will hopefully initiate new conversations about an often overlooked sector of global Pentecostalism. In other words, this issue presents precisely the kind of topic that *PentecoStudies* strives for.