

## EDITORIAL

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The theme of the European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism (GloPent) conference in June 2016 was ‘Pentecostalism and its Encounters with Other Religions’. We expect to publish an issue on this theme shortly. GloPent and *PentecoStudies* continue from strength to strength; this issue bears testimony to this. There have been some changes and there will be others next year. We have recently welcomed Andreas Heuser of the University of Basel, Miranda Klaver of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and Wolfgang Vondey of the University of Birmingham onto the GloPent steering group and the editorial board of this journal.

This special issue is about gender, and for this we have commissioned three guest editors, all young anthropologists, suggested by Simon Coleman of the University of Toronto (one of our advisory board members), who also has written the thought-provoking afterword to this collection. Gender is not only about women, as some of the contributions here prove. The editors of this issue, Anna Stewart (independent scholar), Helen Mo and Saliha Chattoo (both doctoral students at the University of Toronto) have written an excellent extended introduction; and there is no need for me to do the same here. Instead, I welcome them and the authors of the four articles and afterword to *PentecoStudies*, and leave these fine contributions to speak for themselves. The interesting question of how gender relates to agency and power in Pentecostalism is dealt with from perspectives of theology, history and psychology, as well as from social sciences. The result is a fascinating interdisciplinary collection that I commend to you warmly, one that will undoubtedly open up further fields of study.