

## Brief Summary of the Issue

Welcome to the Spring 2025 issue of *World History Connected*. This issue features the forum, “The Vietnam War, Then and Now” marking the return of Marc Jason Gilbert as a Guest Editor alongside Craig A. Lockard. The publication is timely, as April 30, 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the end of American involvement in Vietnam. Together, Marc and Craig have assembled a diverse group of scholars to explore the Vietnam War through the lens of world history. As they note, “It is just possible that progress in the direction of both healing and the creation of a national consensus on the war can be achieved by embracing a familiar adage regarding historical inquiry, that historical events are rarely what they seem, and more complex than one can possibly imagine.”

The contributors to this forum reframe the Vietnam War as part of a broader history of decolonization in Southeast Asia, highlight the often-overlooked role of feminists in peace and anti-imperialist movements, reflect on the challenges of teaching the conflict in Vietnam today, and explore the intersections of journalism, decolonization, and war. These approaches echo the foundational ideas within Depesh Chakrabarty’s *Provincializing Europe: Postcolonial Thought and Historical Difference* (Princeton University Press, 2000). In the spirit of Chakrabarty’s call to ‘provincialize Europe,’ this forum engages with the project of decentering Americentric narratives by presenting scholarship that foregrounds regional agency, alternative historical interpretations, and the value of examining the past through diverse, non-Western frameworks.

### Announcements

This spring, the *WHC* Article of the Year Prize Committee will award the 2025 prize to an article published in the journal within the past year. The winner will receive an award of \$200, a one-year membership to the World History Association, and a formal certificate of recognition. The award will be publicly announced at the WHA’s annual

meeting, to be held June 26-28, 2025 at the historic Seelbach Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

In reflecting on the journal's direction, the Editorial Team continues to balance long standing traditions with new initiatives. In addition to the WHC Article Prize, we are reaching out to our Editorial and Advisory Boards to develop an annual WHC Teaching Award to launch in 2026. This idea draws inspiration from a similar award presented early in the journal's history and we are excited to see it revived.

The upcoming WHA conference will also mark the return of a popular journal feature. The Fall 2025 issue will include a conference reflection, with highlights from keynote addresses, plenary panels, selected sessions of interest to our readership, and perhaps a photograph or two. Additionally, the Editorial Team will host a "Meet the Editor" session at the conference—an informal opportunity to learn more about the publication process, ask questions, and explore how to get involved with *WHC*. We welcome all scholars, teacher-scholars, and graduate students, whether you've published with us before, have a great idea for a future article or forum, are interested in guest editing, or simply want to learn more about the journal's mission and open-access model.

We also wish to inform our readers that the journal will return to a publishing schedule of two issues per year (Spring and Fall) as was the case when the journal began. This decision is not the result of a lack of submissions or peer reviewers, but a reflection of the need to balance editorial responsibilities with our reaching obligations and full teaching loads. Our online submission portal has already streamlined much of the editorial process, making it easier to track submissions and communicate with authors. If you have not already done so, we invite you to explore the portal by clicking "Make a Submission" on the journal's homepage.

We are very excited about this forum, the work ahead and our continuing efforts to support the global community of world history teachers and scholars. Looking ahead, our Fall 2025 issue will feature a special forum on pirates and piracy, guest edited by Ian Abbey of Prairie View A&M University, along with a special article on EuroClio's collaborative projects.

## Book Reviews

- *South Asian Migrations in Global History: Labor, Law, and Wayward Lives*, ed. Neilesh Bose — reviewed by Jonathan Dresner
- *Environmental History of Modern India: Land, Population, Technology and Development*, by Velayutham Saravanan — reviewed by Tahsina Nasir
- *Hajj to the Heart: Sufi Journeys Across the Indian Ocean*, by Scott Alan Kugle — reviewed by David Neumann
- *Extreme Violence and the 'British Way': Colonial Warfare in Perak, Sierra Leone and Sudan*, by Michelle Gordon — reviewed by Nick Sprenger

We hope our readers enjoy this issue and, as always, we deeply appreciate the continued support of our contributors and all those who share in our purpose and vision. We welcome your feedback, suggestions, and ideas for future articles or forums.

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