

Editors' Note

Almost two years have passed since the first issue of *left history* was released. When we first set out on this venture we were told by many that most new journals never reach their fourth issue. Now they will be saying that most new journals never reach their fifth issue. In any case, we consider this issue to be something of a milestone.

Starting this journal was both ambitious and short-sighted. The tasks involved proved more onerous than we at first anticipated (or cared to imagine). Day to day operations become quite burdensome especially when operating on a shoe-string budget. As a result we have not always been as fastidious in performing our duties as we would have liked. To those who have endured mix-ups with subscriptions or lateness in correspondence we apologize.

We've survived with modest support from a variety of institutions, which is more a reflection of the scarcity of grants available today than of our entrepreneurial abilities. *left history's* existence results from a combination of perseverance and the good will of others. Consequently, we have racked up numerous debts along the way. Thanks to all those who took the risk of purchasing subscriptions before the journal was in print. Thanks also for your renewals. Thanks to those who submitted work to an unknown quantity, but did so anyway. And thanks to the individuals and institutions who provided us with support of different kinds over the past four issues.

We hope there is still some satisfaction in receiving *left history*. We're still working to improve it. We welcome your comments, both critical and supportive, and appreciate those received so far.

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