

Letter from the Editors

In May 1995 the Centre for the History of European Expansion organized a two-day conference on decolonization. The use of force during the decolonization struggles and the feelings of guilt in the former European metropolitan powers, Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Great Britain, were the two main issues addressed on this occasion. With respect to the comparative nature of the conference, the editors felt that a special issue of *Itinerario* would provide the right format for publishing a selection of the papers. We are grateful to Arjen Taselaar for joining our team as guest editor. Apart from keeping in touch with the contributors, he has written an introduction on comparative decolonization for this volume. Together with Eveline Frech, he also did the interview with Prof. J.E. Hueting, which we believe to be pertinent to the theme of this issue in this context. As Arjen Taselaar is leaving our team in order to finish his doctoral dissertation, we thank him and wish him all the best.

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