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Editorial

In this third issue of *Voluntas* we again include papers, research notes and a review essay which span a variety of topics, academic disciplines and countries (and even one ex-country). As well as work located within a single context which can contribute to thinking and work elsewhere, this issue features three multi-country comparative papers, two reporting new empirical material. A journal such as *Voluntas* must always be looking to extend its international span whilst maintaining the academic excellence and the policy/practice relevance of its contents. We believe that the papers, notes and review in this issue achieve this.

Three other developments will help in the future: the continued growth of the editorial board, the publication of abstracts in Spanish, and the receipt of further financial support.

Editorial board

Astute readers and lovers of lists will note a number of changes to the editorial board. As we indicated in our first editorial, and encouraged by the promptings of a few readers, we have been able to extend international representation on the board. We have been very fortunate to be able to recruit Eva Kuti (a Hungarian economist with an interest in culture, health and public policy, some of whose work was included in the first issue of *Voluntas*), Amani Kandil (who is based at the National Center for Sociological and Criminological Research in Egypt), Andrés Thompson (at GADIS, a research organisation on social and institutional development, in Argentina) and Harsh Sethi (a political sociologist at the Center for the Study of Developing Societies in India).

Languages

From issue 2 of volume 2 (later in 1991), we will be including abstracts in three languages, adding Spanish to the French and German already

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published. We realise that non-English abstracts are poor substitutes for non-English *articles* for readers whose native tongue is not English, but hope that our policy helps to make *Voluntas* a little more accessible. We also appreciate that potential authors without English as their native tongue also labour under a disadvantage. Although *Voluntas* remains an English language journal, it is not Anglo-centric. We would also remind potential contributors that, whilst English-language submissions are easier for our refereeing and editing processes, we *can* cope with papers in French, German, Italian and Spanish (but, please, not more than one language per paper). A paper submitted in another language might also be submitted by prior arrangement. *In every such case*, however, we must have a full and informative English language abstract. If our referees recommended a non-English paper for publication, with or without revision, it would then be the *author's* responsibility to arrange translation into English. As editors we are happy to recommend stylistic or terminological changes to papers, but we cannot provide a translation service.

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Without the Charities Aid Foundation, *Voluntas* would not have been launched in the first place. We are delighted that CAF is continuing to support the journal, and equally delighted that United Way of America and an anonymous donor have offered to cover some of the many editorial costs of production. As ever, of course, the editors retain full editorial independence, advised, aided and abetted by the editorial board. We hope that this continuing and growing financial support will allow the growth of *Voluntas* in 1992, and the development of some important additional features.

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