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The consistent problem of widespread genocide denial is not matched by a wealth of scholarship examining the dynamics of its denial. This issue of *Genocide Studies and Prevention* is thus divided into two parts; one, which seeks to address this lacuna with articles that address a range of case studies, from the Holocaust to lesser known examples including violent events in India and Turkey, and the other, case studies which reflect various aspects tangential to the issue of denial. In doing so, these articles deepen the scholarly conversation on genocide denial.

Termed as the "final stage of genocide," the denial of genocide is not simply a case of genocidal perpetrators promulgating a revised version of history or stating events did not occur. Rather, as the articles in the first part of this symposium suggest, we must reflect on what we understand when the label of genocide is denied or applied to particular events. With such a wide range of historical and contemporary case studies, the potential is clear for sparking new lines of inquiry and new frames to investigate the issue of genocide denial. It is also our hope that the selected contributions will encourage further research, expanding and delving into denials' many contexts and forms.

The second part of this issue has a few articles that do not fall entirely within the theme of denial. However, these submissions are well within the themes and topics we address in *GSP* and, therefore, have been included in this issue. This was all the more appropriate given how aspects of denial are implied and, specifically when the discussions in some of these submissions problematize the (legal) definition of genocide.

GSP recognizes and celebrates the increasing creativity academics engage in to express their arguments, from in-depth case study work using qualitative interviews, archives, and ethnographic methods to an analysis of social and audiovisual materials including cinema, online videos, and discussion platforms. This innovation reflects the diverse fora through which the dynamics of genocide denial manifest.

Taken together, the editorial board welcomes a stimulating discussion based on these diverse submissions on the issue of genocide denial as well as the issues raised by the other articles included in this issue.

We would like to extend a hearty thanks to our Guest Editor, Thomas Earl Porter, for his work and collaboration with us in making this special issue possible. Lastly, we also extend a special thanks to our anonymous peer reviewers and the authors themselves for their considerable time and efforts in the review and editorial process in bringing these articles through to publication.

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