

## EDITORS' INTRODUCTION

Like the previous issues, the third issue of the *Nordic and Baltic Studies Review* is large and thematically diverse, even though history-related themes still have a bigger presence. We are delighted to have more materials related to the Baltic regions, and hope that the published articles will stimulate interesting scholarly debates. As usually, we are glad to provide young scholars with an opportunity to share their research.

Beginning with this issue, we have enlarged the number of permanent journal sections. In the previous issue, we revived a tradition of publishing proceedings of notable conferences. This format was well received, and the proceedings have been read as often as research articles. This time, we publish the most interesting papers from two Russian-Finnish historical seminars that took place in St. Petersburg and Savonlinna during 2018. Reports of several other conferences are placed in the section Academic Events. We realise that our coverage of thematically relevant conferences is far from complete, and hope to place more conference reports in the following issues. Please, share with us the news of relevant academic events in your regions.

We also introduced a section on Bibliography that includes a bibliographic review of the periodicals published in the Finno-Ugric languages in the Republic of Karelia during 2002. Our goal is to revive a tradition of publishing reference and bibliographic materials that for almost fifty years had been represented by *Letopis' literaturnoi zhizni Karelii* [Chronicle of Literary Life in Karelia] (1963–2011).

The section on Primary Sources presents selected correspondence between Olaf Broch and Petr Savitskii (1916–1958), as well as materials from a toponymical dictionary of Karelia, which is currently produced by the scholars of the Institute of Linguistics, Literature, and History of the Karelian Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

By presenting you our newest issue of *The Nordic and Baltic Studies Review*, we hope that it will serve a common purpose of building a stronger national and international collaboration between different scholarly centers engaged with these disciplines.

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