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The present issue (vol. 3, no. 1) of the *transcript: An e-Journal of Literary and Cultural Studies* comprises five articles (including one book review) on varied areas of engagement, ranging from a study of silence understood through literary–philosophical perspectives, moving through the terrains of memory and identity, conspiracy narratives, disability in expressive cultures, towards investigating instances of defiance and deviance within colonial India. Pratap Kumar Dash examines the theme of silence in Tagore’s *Gitanjali* and Sri Aurobindo’s *Savitri*, and explores its role in sustaining the interactive dynamics between God and human being. María Inés Palleiro then takes us to a different spatial location and examines the intriguing interplay of conspiracy narratives and ritual–folkloric allusions towards the materialisation of political strategies in Latin America. In their joint submission, Stenza Augustine and Abhaydev C.S analyse the problematic and often-politicised representation of the disabled body within cinema, politics, and sports with particular reference to the Indian context. Bhaskar Jyoti Gogoi, in his essay, explores the typical case of defiance by the colonial officer, Major Anthony G. McCall, which had caused considerable disruption within the British administration in the then Lushai Hills of north east India. The volume ends with a book review on Tsering Yangzom Lama’s *We Measure the Earth with Our Bodies* by Paddaja Roy.

As the issue editor (2023–2024), I would like to thank the contributors of this issue for the timely submission of their articles and also for their prompt response during the subsequent phases of reviewing and revision. The anonymous reviewers deserve a special note of acknowledgement for their incisive and constructive feedback to the articles compiled in this
issue. On behalf of the Associate Editors and the Managing Editors of the team, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Professor Banibrata Mahanta from the Banaras Hindu University as the new Editor-in-Chief of the journal. We sincerely look forward to working under the able guidance of Professor Mahanta for the forthcoming issues. In this regard, it may also be noted that the forthcoming issue (vol. 3, no. 2) will be a themed-issue focussing on Disability Studies. The detailed CFP will be out soon in our website https://thetranscript.in along with the guidelines for the submission of articles.

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