

Transitions, more often than not, prove to be difficult, and so it has been with *Crossings* in its passage to our new editorial team. We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of Professor Mohit-ul-Alam, who for a number of years ably edited the journal while he was Head of the Department of English and Humanities at ULAB. His sudden departure to take up the position of Vice Chancellor at a public university left his successor with a motley pile of articles, only a few of which had been reviewed. We completed the process, considered a number of new submissions, and finally decided to bring out a double issue. We apologize for the inordinately long time lag since the previous issue, and assure our readers that the journal will henceforth appear with regularity.

We have decided to structure each issue with contributions appearing under three main sections: first, Essays and Papers on Literary Topics; second, Essays and Papers on Linguistics and Language Teaching; and third, Review Articles and Book Reviews. In addition, readers of this issue will find a section classified as Special Feature which includes a public lecture delivered at ULAB by the French philosopher Bernard-Henri Levy. We are grateful to M. Levy for allowing us to publish the transcript of his stimulating lecture. We hope that such special features will appear occasionally if not regularly in the journal.

We are delighted to be able to welcome a number of distinguished academics from various countries to our newly formed Advisory Board. Their presence in the *Crossings* team will be an inspiration to us all.

From this double issue onwards, *Crossings* will also be available online at www.ulab.edu.bd/crossings-of-DEH. We are confident that this will ensure that the journal reaches a wider audience.

