A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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This issue of the Canadian Journal of Sociology is a departure from our normal practices, in that it is entirely dedicated to the extended article "The Institutionalization of Symbolic Interactionism in Canadian Sociology, 1922-1979: Success at What Cost?" co-authored by Richard Helmes-Hayes and Emily Milne. That pieces examines the growth of symbolic interactionism (SI) as a specialization in English-language Canadian sociology, 1922-1979, and documents three empirical indicators of the institutionalization of SI: faculty members hired, research published, and SI-receptive programs established.

The next two articles were solicited as responses to the lead paper and went through editorial approval before being published. The first piece is by Jacqueline Low and is called "Wither Symbolic interactionism in Canada? A Response to Helmes-Hayes and Milne's 'The Institutionalization of Symbolic Interactionism in Canadian Sociology." The second piece is by Neil McLaughlin and is entitled "Movements, Sects and Letting Go of Symbolic Interactionism in Canada."

This is a new approach to a special issue by the Canadian Journal of Sociology, and feedback from readers is appreciated.