

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

We are pleased to present to you the Fall 2013 issue of the journal *Acta Universitatis Carolinae – Studia Territorialia*.

This volume features, among other things, three original articles that discuss some noteworthy, and, in part also under-researched, topics in the field of Area Studies and Modern History.

The first article, by Stanislav Sýkora, explores the ascent of George Washington in the early years of his political career. The second contribution, authored by Jan Bečka, is a study of relations between Thailand and the United States in the era of Field Marshall Phibunsongkhram. Finally, Barbora Čapinská in her paper provides a critical assessment of the U.S. counternarcotics policies in Colombia in the context of President George W. Bush's War on Terror.

We hope that you will enjoy reading this issue at least as much as we have taken pleasure in editing it.

On behalf of the editorial team,
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