

Editor's Annual Report | *Central European History* | 2022

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This report summarizes aspects of *CEH's* operations for the 2022 calendar year. It provides highlights, an overview of the journal's production and publication functions, and statistics concerning submissions.

The 2022 publication year, in brief

This year was a good one for submissions, a great many of which came in over the late summer and early fall, which is not entirely unusual. Around one-quarter of the manuscripts submitted were ultimately accepted for publication, which generally aligns with our numbers in recent years. If the journal has not achieved consistent gender parity in each issue, on balance, over the course of a given volume, we have indeed managed to do so.

The editor is very grateful to Carl Caldwell for writing a memorial essay for Michael Stolleis (55:2, June 2022), and to Omer Bartov for helping organize a collection of essays to mark the passing of Eric Weitz (CEH 55:3, September 2022).

Upcoming editorial highlights: In June 2023, *CEH* will publish a special issue, "The GDR's Global Border," guest edited by Lauren Stokes and Ned Richardson-Little.

Book reviews: Associate Editor for book reviews, Mirna Zakić, commissioned 149 reviews (with one double review) in 2022. Forty-five of the books reviewed in the journal were written by women, 89 by men, and 16 were written by two or more authors or editors. Sixty-one of the reviewers of those books were women, 88 were men. The reviewers work in the US, Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Czech Republic, Poland, Israel, Australia, and South Korea.

Mirna has noted that the number of reviews commissioned this year was smaller than in previous years, either because fewer books are coming out as the research lag caused by the pandemic becomes apparent, or because publishers are becoming less reliable in sending print copies. (At this point, we receive perhaps 40–50% of books as hard copies.) We have also noticed a greater difficulty in getting women scholars to commit to reviews, as evinced by the huge disparity in reviewers by gender this year. We have also noted a higher-than-pre-pandemic rate of reviewers needing long extensions or just never submitting reviews they have agreed to write.

Also in 2022, Mirna commissioned special reviews of:

1. Emilio Gentile's intellectual biography of George Mosse (by Jeffrey Herf, University of Maryland-College Park, to appear in March 2023);
2. three recent volumes on German emigration to the US (by Petra DeWitt, Missouri University of Science and Technology, to appear in June 2023);
3. Joachim Haeberlen's book on refugees in German history (by Christopher Molnar, University of Michigan-Flint, date to be determined);
4. a "Screening History" essay on depictions of German history in the films of Christian Petzold (by Alasdair King, Queen Mary University of London, date to be determined).

Statistics concerning submissions and published articles

Table 1: Publication Overview

Volume and Number	Articles	Review Articles/Forums	Book Reviews	Other	Pages
55/1-3 + First View (2022)	22	7	82	1	668
54/1-4(2021)	14	5	138	0	746
53/1-4 (2020)	28	5	85	1	905

Table 2: Editorial Summary

	2022	2021	2020
Articles Submitted	45	59	43
---Sent out for peer review	--21 (47%)	--30 (51%)	--22 (51%)
Articles Accepted	11	15	13
Articles to be Revised/Resubmitted	8	5	7
Articles at Referees	6	4	8
Articles Rejected	30	34	24
---by Editor	--24	--29	--21
---After peer review	--6	--5	--3
Acceptance rate	24%	25%	30%

Table 3: Submissions and Published Articles by Author's Geographic Location (institutional affiliation)

	United States/ Canada	Germany/ Austria/ Switzerland	UK/ Australia/ New Zealand	Other countries	TOTAL
Submissions					
2022	12 (27%)	3 (7%)	6 (13%)	24 (53%)	45

2021	20 (34%)	7 (12%)	7 (12%)	25 (42%)	59
2020	20 (47%)	7 (16%)	4 (9%)	12 (28%)	43

Table 4: Submissions by Time Period

	Up to 1750	1751-1870	1871-1918	1919-33	1933-45	1945-pres
Submissions						
2022	3	8	19	15	19	11

Table 5: Submissions and Published Articles by Geographic Location

	Germany	Austria / Habsburg Empire	Switzerland	Other
Submissions				
2022	36	19	1	12

Table 6: Impact Factor

Year	Impact Factor	5-year Impact Factor
2021	0.520	0.450
2020	0.283	0.486
2019	0.271	0.458