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PREFACE

As the Annual Review of Comparative and International Education enters its second decade of continuous publication, it is a good time to re-evaluate the purpose of an annual review and how it is specifically relevant to the field of comparative and international education. In the inaugural Annual Review, Wiseman and Anderson (2013) articulated the vision of an annual review becoming a tool for both reflective practice among those who identify with comparative and international education and a medium through which the field could both professionalize and coalesce. This ambitious vision persists; however, in those 10 years in between the world has changed dramatically in ways that were unpredictable at the time the inaugural volume was prepared. The COVID-19 pandemic, for example, created a fundamental shift in – and in many ways both broke and re-oriented – formal education worldwide (Grek & Landri, 2021). Global crises have resulted in the most documented forced migration of humans that has ever been experienced worldwide, even in times of world war (Fransen & de Haas, 2019). A rise in populist politics and fascist-like regimes worldwide has called into question the effectiveness of mass education for creating democratic citizens and systems (Sant, 2021). And, new technologies employing artificial intelligence have disrupted the ways that people work, think, communicate, and exchange information, ideas, goods, and services (Zhai et al, 2021). Even though these changes and others may seem like insurmountable challenges, they have both inspired and required innovations and unique entrepreneurial approaches to teaching, learning, and other aspects of education, which have been necessary to continue the work of education regardless of other ongoing challenges (e.g., González-Pérez & Ramírez-Montoya, 2022).

Since 2013, the Annual Review of Comparative and International Education has published both clear review-oriented pieces (e.g., Turner, 2022) as well as more empirical studies of comparative and international education (e.g., Polat & Arslan, 2022) over the first decade, but one of the shifts moving forward from the editorial team should and will be a more purposeful attempt to review the past in order to understand what is happening in education during the review year. This may mean a reduction in the number of empirical studies published in the Annual Review, but it may also increase the number of meta-analyses and meta-syntheses published as part of the review each year. Another focus of the Annual Review of Comparative and International Education that has been a challenge during its first decade is the review or analysis of professional practice in the field, especially by development organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other entities outside of traditional educational systems and schools. So much of education occurs outside of formal, national systems (e.g., Tisza et al., 2020) that it is imperative to examine and review education and educational influences originating outside of formal, mass schooling. Therefore, a specific effort should and will xxii PREFACE

be made to focus more evenly on comparative and international education taking place inside traditional education systems but also to the education and educational influences that comprise both the public and private sectors as well as informal and non-formal teaching and learning occurring outside of formal education.

At the same time, less emphasis on establishing comparative and international education as a distinct field and more recognition and review of ways that comparative and international education is celebrated and incorporated into other disciplines is needed in the *Annual Review*. Social science disciplines such as sociology, psychology, philosophy, history, and economics have produced just as much, if not more, comparative and international education research, and professionals working in the field of comparative and international education, especially in development and policy roles, are rarely if ever trained in comparative and international education specifically (e.g., Jones, 2007). So, instead of wishing or willing a distinct field or discipline of comparative and international education to exist, the *Annual Review*'s editorial team should and will be more explicit about the contributions and contributors to the field coming from other disciplines and from non-education-specific sources.

With these challenges and objectives in mind, the second decade of the *Annual Review of Comparative and International Education* will continue to be a foundation for reflective practice in the field and for the development and enhancement of comparative and international education research and practice.

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