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This issue of *Wacana, Journal of the Humanities of Indonesia* Vol. 23 No. 2 (2022) on “Exploring transnational relations” has been prepared by *Wacana* (Susi Moeimam) in collaboration with Fridus Steijlen (Professor Extraordinary of Moluccan Migration and Culture in a comparative perspective at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, and senior researcher at KITLV). In this issue, aspects of transnational relations are discussed in seven articles. The introduction of the topic and the outline of these seven articles is explained by Professor Steijlen in the next section. Besides these articles, there are also two book reviews, one review essay, and two obituaries.

Wacana has recently lost two persons who have played an important role in the development of the journal in significant ways: Professor Harimurti Kridalaksana and Dr Clara Brakel-Papenhuyzen. Professor Harimurti Kridalaksana was editor-in-chief of *Wacana* for the period 1999 to 2005. As a great expert in Indonesian linguistics with an outstanding international reputation, he initiated the establishment of our faculty journal which has developed into the international acknowledged academic journal it is today. As the result of an excellent academic cooperation of co-editing with Dr Clara Brakel-Papenhuyzen, two double *Wacana* editions were compiled and published: in 2016 Vol. 17 Nos 2 and 3 on “Stories and storytelling in Indonesia I and II” and in 2020 Vol. 21 Nos 1 and 2 on “Panji stories I and II”. To commemorate their significant contributions to their specialized fields, two tributes have been written respectively by Felicia N. Utorodewo from the Faculty of Humanities, Universitas Indonesia, and Els Bogaerts from Leiden Institute for Area Studies (LIAS), the Netherlands.

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