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This issue of Wacana, Journal of the Humanities of Indonesia Vol. 24 No. 3 (2023) on “Locating Indonesia’s cultural archives; Toward decoloniality and intersectional histories of Indonesia” has been prepared by Wacana (Susi Moeimam) in collaboration with two experts in the field of the theme on the “De/coloniality”: Sadiah Boonstra (Historian and Independent Curator) and Caroline Drieënhuizen (Cultural Historian, Associate Professor at the Open Universiteit, Heerlen, the Netherlands). They were appointed as special editors of this special issue, in which aspects of de/coloniality are discussed in nine articles. The introduction to the topic with the outline of the articles is explained by them in the next section. Besides these articles, there are also two book reviews (of Stuart Robson and Hadi Sidomulyo’s Kidung Pañji Margasmara; A Middle Javanese Romance (2023) and of Wim van den Doel’s SNOUCK; Biografi ilmuwan Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje (2023)) and one obituary (in memoriam, Victoria Maria Clara van Groenendael, the expert on Javanese shadow theatre and other Javanese performing arts).

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