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I am pleased to present this special volume of PPST, “Rethinking the Colonial State.” Derived partly from papers given at a conference and a workshop held at the University of Copenhagen, this volume helps us reconsider an otherwise elusive object of historical, social, and political analysis. We at PPST are honored that the co-editors, Søren Ivarsson and Søren Rud, have chosen us to publish this collection. Thanks to them and to the authors for the contributions.

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