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## From the editor

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This issue of *Socialist History* is the first to be published directly by the Socialist History Society rather than by an external publisher. It also marks our journal's transition to fully open-access online publishing alongside our print version. From now on, the content of the journal will be freely available on our website, as will the content of earlier issues as and when we are able to upload them. This is a kind of experiment for us: we are making our content available to everyone online because we appreciate how important this sort of dissemination is for our authors. At the same time, we remain committed to producing a print journal as one of the key components of the SHS membership package. Time will tell how well this works as a publishing model.

We continue to receive some high-quality submissions from researchers in Britain, Europe, North America and elsewhere, both from our regular readers and from people making their first contact with the journal. We are always very pleased to receive these, and to discuss ideas for individual articles and guest-edited special issues. Please contact the editor in the first instance with your ideas and suggestions.

The four papers in this issue dealing with aspects of the life and legacy of Friedrich Engels (1820-1895) derive from an international conference held in Eastbourne in June 2023, discussed in the section editors' introductory essay. We remain with the theme of nineteenth-century socialism for our final standalone article, in which Randolph Miller considers the use of gendered language in the rhetoric of French socialism, as represented by its pioneering figures Auguste Blanqui and Louis Blanc.