Dear Author:

I am very pleased to enclose your manuscript which has now been copyedited by one of our freelance copyeditors, in accordance with the Berghahn House Style.

The copyedited files, a note on the edits, and this cover letter are attached. Please read through these two documents before beginning. Since the copyediting was done electronically the corrections need to be checked and either accepted or rejected using Word’s Track Changes feature. An instructional pdf is also attached that explains this process in detail. If you have any questions about using Track Changes in Word, please don’t hesitate to contact me. (If you haven’t used it before it isn’t always accessible or intuitive.)

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* Go through each change and either accept or reject it.
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* If you have additional changes type them right into the text, however if they are long enough to warrant copyediting please highlight the text added and specify this in your return cover letter so that it can be checked for consistency.
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Return the files to me by email attachment or by sending a CD to the US office by There’s no need to print out a freshly corrected hard copy.

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Best wishes,

Melissa