Editor's note

This is the first issue of a new series of the *European Review*. The total amount of the material in the *Review* has been substantially increased. In future, alternate issues will deal in detail with a single area of interest. Thus, in the next issue (May 1998) the subject will be a very topical question 'Democracy in the new millennium: the future of representation and participation'.

Readers will notice that despite the increased coverage of the *Review* the price to institutional and personal subscribers has been very substantially reduced by our new publisher.