

## From the Vice President

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Greetings All! By the time this will be published the SFRA 2025 conference at Rochester will be in full swing. I hope, for all of you who are attending virtually or in-person, that it is a rewarding, thrilling and intellectually challenging and stimulating experience. The annual SFRA conference is so important for bringing us together to share experiences and knowledge, to strengthen our connections and to create a research, pedagogical and creative culture that can sustain us academics, teachers and practitioners throughout our careers. But while the conference happens only once a year we do have other resources available to us: the *SFRA Review* itself is one of these, as is engagement with our country representatives, who meet quarterly with myself and other representatives to share news and events from around the world. If any of you would like to represent a country not already listed on the [Country Representatives](#) page of the SFRA website, please do send me an email. Please liaise, too, with your country representative to keep them abreast of any events or activity that you'd like the wider membership to know about.

During the EC Sponsored DEI panel at the Rochester conference we discussed ways that we could support our membership in light of the attacks on higher education and to vulnerable groups that are occurring in the US. These conversations are ongoing and we would welcome any recommendations or opportunities to explore the terrain that we began to open up during that panel. We would also like to explore using the resources available to us—the *SFRA Review*, the SFRA website, Listserv and the Social Media channels that are managed by our Outreach Officer Anastasia Klimchynskaya, along with any others—to continue this conversation and to co-ordinate ongoing support. Please do keep in touch with myself if you have any questions, ideas or recommendations for how we can keep developing and realising these discussions.