

Editor's Introduction

We offer a new section in this issue of the *Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development* that will remain a regular feature: the research note. It is our intention to supplement the innovative research produced in this journal by offering a wider range of inquiry through publishing research notes and/or working papers. In this, the first research note published, Soma Dey, lecturer in the Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, assesses the impact of new agricultural techniques on the indigenous Garo populations of the Modhupur Garh forest in Bangladesh. In particular, Dey highlights how the establishment of regional transportation networks led to the insinuation of cash crop cultivation to the detriment of thriving subsistence economies in the once remote Modhupur Garh. According to Dey, research such as hers is required to better understand "how various aspects of Garo society have been impacted by this slow shift from a subsistence economy to participation in the dominant commercial economy," events that no doubt will resonate with Aboriginal leaders in Canada who have and continue to face similar issues.