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Welcome to the first issue of the Journal of Anglo-Turkish Relations (JATR)

Being located geographically at opposite ends of the European continent, Turkey and Britain have had strategic importance for each other since the 16th Century. At times, their relations were cooperative and aligned to a common cause, while at others they were more competitive due to conflicting interests. This has resulted in a field that is rich in opportunities for academic study. However, to date there have been no periodicals that focus on this specific domain. With this journal, we aim to provide a platform for the analysis of the diplomatic, economic, political, military, commercial, and socio-cultural relationships between the two countries.

In this first issue, we have five articles. The first article is by Professor William Hale, who deals with Kim Philby, the British-Soviet double agent who served in the British Embassy in Turkey between 1945 and 1948. The second article, written by Taha Niyazi Karaca, is a survey of Ottoman-British relations from the 16th Century to the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. In the third article, Behçet Kemal Yeşilbursa presents the observations of the British Ambassadors to Ankara regarding Turkey and the Turks in the 1950s and 1960s. The fourth article, authored by Şerif Demir covers the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to Turkey in 1971. The final article, written by Mustafa Malhut, deals with British attitudes to the Greek-Ottoman border dispute at the end of the 19th Century. There are also two book reviews by Taha Ayça Aydemir and Miraçhan Yılmaz. Finally, there is an interview with the British Ambassador to Turkey, Sir Dominick Chilcott (KCMG).

We thank all who have contributed to this journal and who will do so in the future.

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