

## Editorial

*Dear Readers,*

The mission of Journal of University Research is embedded in its name. It is the conceptual meaning of **university** and **research** terms.

Karl Jasper presents the university as a free community of scholars and students engaged in the task of seeking the truth. The truth and the search are two important concepts for university. The truth is, in general, the universal knowledge of the existence. The existence is, in general, the whole entity. The universal knowledge encompasses all modes of knowing: philosophical, scientific, and artistic knowledge. The generality and the universality are the two main characteristics of the university. It is said that the mission of the university is composed of three components. The research mission comes from the search of the truth. The truth has to be conveyed, the act of conveying emanates as the educational mission. When the university wants to convey the truth on a certain topic, it speaks out to the public, which is named as the public service mission.

As human beings, our eyes are turned towards the outside world. But, the university should look to itself prior to the outside world. Anything before being something anything, it must be what it is. In that case, the university firstly has to conceptualize its own truth. The seeking of the truth is the philosophy. The university must have an existence area, i.e. an ontology. Also, the university must have an epistemology based on it, and the university should be structured accordingly.

The university sets goals for itself to achieve its goal. All humanity is in an effort to produce science and technology, to raise up highly skilled people, in the most effective way, with all intellectual and academic power in our era. The realization of this effort is based on the direct understanding of the nature of the university and its reality. Since the university is the highest institution of a society to generate information, it has to raise up the academic community by itself. The deepest and most comprehensive information has to be generated there.

The realization of the purpose of the university is solely based on the straightforward understanding of what it is. With this journal, our aim is to contribute to the straightforward understanding of the nature of the university.

Kierkegaard says “the imagination of the future shapes today”. If we are designing the future, we are being shaped accordingly today. The past has passed, the future is not yet available. We are living now. Hence, we have to be in an effort of shaping what we already have with that imagination for the future.

The aims of this journal are to contribute to the university culture and to provide research studies for the use of all stakeholders in the higher education area.

Our journal is a peer-reviewed international scientific research journal which is published tri-annually. All articles may be written in Turkish or English.

We present you the first issue including studies on education and scientific thinking, the philosophy of technology and engineering, internal evaluation in universities, new trends in education, and new methods in university ranking.

I would like to mention in particular that we are waiting for your supports with your relevant research work.

I would also like to express our gratitude to the authors, to our referees who served in the editorial process and to our advisory board members on behalf of our editorial board.

I hope to meet you all in the second issue of the journal.

Sincerely,

**Prof. Dr. Durmuş Günay**

Editor

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