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Dear Readers,

In Volume 2 Issue 2 of the Journal of Anglo-Turkish Relations, we have seven research articles, two evaluations, two interviews, and two books reviews.

In the first article, Nur Bilge CRISS analyses Anglo-Turkish relations during the period of 1914-1939 in the context of the politics of war, its aftermath, peace-making, and peacebuilding through portraits of public influencers, decision makers and diplomats. She concludes that, as with the Eastern Question in the past, identity politics of the present are unlikely to be of any benefit to security issues.

Brexit and its effect on Anglo-Turkish relations are the focus of the second article, by Görkem ALTINÖRS and Yaprak GÜR SOY. The authors evaluate elements of continuity and possibilities for change and suggest there is potential to strengthen these relations. However, both sides need to be willing to engage with Europe and each other as they develop realistic expectations of their future relations.

In the third article, Nihan AKINCILAR KÖSEOĞLU adopts a constructivist approach to analyse the identity formation of the Turkish and Greek Cypriot diasporas living in the UK. She asks whether or not the Turkish and Greek Cypriot communities could be defined as a single Cypriot community; and, if so, whether such a definition could bring about a change in the attitude toward unification in Cyprus.

Emine Tutku VARDAĞLI analyses the impact of the Lausanne Treaty on British colonial rule in the the fourth article. She argues that the Lausanne Treaty constitutes an early and critical stage in the move towards decolonization, which is generally regarded as a post-Second World War phenomenon.

In the fifth article, Harumi ARAI discusses the continuous and changing aspects of Turkish foreign policy, state identity and the ruling elite. She suggests that the change in the identity of Turkey's ruling elite and its effect on the foreign policy of the country could lead to a change in the identity of the state itself.

The sixth article, by Mehmet TUNCER, presents a unique aspect of the connections between UK and Turkey. He argues that the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to reconsider the characteristics of urban life. As a possible solution, he suggests that the 19th-century British "Garden City" concept could provide a model for future urban planning, using Ankara as a specific context.

Last, but most certainly not least, in the seventh article, Ulvi KESER discusses the radio broadcasting activities on Cyprus between 1939 and 1963, based in interviews with the women who constituted a significant ratio of the broadcasting personnel.

We hope you enjoy this collection of works that we have brought together in this issue, and we look forward to meeting you again with the next issue.

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