## **PREFACE**

Dear Beloved Readers,

First of all, we would like to thank you for your interest in our special issue of "Azerbaijan-Karabakh" that we have published as an additional issue. Our second special issue is composed of those articles that are to be extracted from some of the conference papers presented at "the 20. International Business Conference", organised between the dates of 10-13 June 2021 by our Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, whereas this issue collects valuable studies consisting of nine articles:

In the first article, Mustafa KOCAOĞLU and Zeynep Nur ÖZMEN comparatively examined environmental problems in local governments in terms of both international and national legislation in the context of the right to environment.

In the second article, Bilge Kağan ŞAKACI and Selçuk ÖZKAYA analysed the 1934 (or also known as 2510) Resettlement Law by taking press reflections into account.

In the third article, Ömer Faruk BÜYÜKKURT investigated "income smoothing" behaviours of a firm traded in BIST covering the period between 2012 and 2019.

In the fourth article, Veysel YILMAZ and Bünyamin DEMİRGİL examined the relationship between income distribution inequality and financial development, as well as investigating income distribution inequality with the ARDL (Auto Regressive Distributed Lag) Boundary Test in the case of Turkey.

In the fifth article, Metehan ŞAHİN and Türker ŞİMŞEK analysed foreign experts employed in the Turkish mining industry between 1935 and 1980 in many scientific respects.

In the sixth article, Erdal GÜLER and Özgür ÖNDER undertook an analysis of the reasons for the establishment of special provincial administrations and their future position.

In the seventh article, Enver ARAS analysed both the meaning of Nowruz Festival among Turks and its deep-rooted feature, dating back thousands of years, in terms of providing social cohesion as a cultural value.

In the eight article, Alper ÖZMEN and Tufan SARITAŞ investigated the effect of the institutional quality applied in the public sector in EU Countries on economic growth for the period between 2002 and 2009.

In the ninth article, Okay TEPEKÖY enlarged upon political history and examined the Turkish-Russian relations during the preparation period preceding the National Struggle.

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Our next issue will be published in December 2021, and it is our pleasure to evaluate and include all articles from all departments of Economics and Administrative Sciences, as well as from nearby areas of Social Sciences, as much as our publication criteria allow.

I wish you good reading, truly yours,

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