

## PREFACE

Başkent University Migration Research Centre (BUGAM), which was established on February 25, 2020, has the serious responsibility and pride of undertaking a new activity such as publishing a journal, in addition to the three meetings it has organized under the conditions of Covid-19 Pandemic.

The main purpose of our journal is to publish studies on immigration - asylum seekers, migrants or refugees that vary according to the terminology they accept - made by different public or private organizations and non-governmental organizations, both within and outside the academy. Systematic and process-based studies on issues such as the health, education, working life, fundamental human rights and freedoms, law, politics, culture, art, language and religious life-based problems of immigrants, as well as immigration governance policies and border security at the country, regional or global level, will be published twice in Turkish and English as a bilingual, peer-reviewed e-journal.

The importance of our journal stems from the fact that it will start its publication life with an interdisciplinary and holistic approach in a multi-disciplinary field such as migration, which has become a multi-layered and complex global problem. In this context, our journal will fill a significant gap with its highly flexible and multi-purpose structure such as empirical original research, review, case presentation, short article, book review, and issue editor and special issue.

Our journal has been established to diversify and enrich migration studies that are stuck in a very limited subject area, meet the changing conditions and needs of today, and support relational studies that go beyond classical approaches and examine differences and uncertainties based on the process. With a multi-disciplinary and multi-purpose dynamic structuring, it aims to be a journal reviewed first by national (ULAKBIM-TR) and then by international indexes (ISI).

Our journal will gain value with the contributions of our Advisory Board members, each of whom is recognized for their work at the national and international level, who accepted a duty at the formation stage.

Unlike those who say "publish or perish", I would like to express that I am proud to continue my publishing activities through International Journal of Human Mobility, as an identity that attaches great importance to rapidly transforming scientific studies into publications with the understanding of "Even if words disappear, writing remains".

Our first goal is to create a platform where the theoretical, methodological and paradigmatic deficiencies observed at all national, international, regional and global levels on migration will be discussed with the epistemological community formed with our Advisory Board members, reviewers and authors. I would like to underline that our journal has the potential to compete with the central countries and contribute to the competition with “methodological nationalism”.

First of all, we would like to thank the founder of our University, Honorary President Prof. Dr. Mehmet Haberal for guiding our Journal with his scientific imagination, principles and works and enabling us to reach today's stage with his stimulating suggestions.

Our primary goal is for our journal to have a sustainable and long publishing life. In this context, I would like to thank our Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Haberal and all our Advisory Board members who accepted our proposal to work together, and our editors N. Ela Gökalp Aras, Günnur Ertong Attar and Olgu Karan, who worked with great devotion, and I wish you outstanding success.

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