

Editor's Note

Turkey's young and dynamic population and our resolution and faith in the future, offer an idea as to the degree that the vitality and productivity of academic life in Turkey have reached. Without doubt, it is our duty and responsibility to carry this vitality and productivity to upper heights. In consciousness of this responsibility, we, as Istanbul Gelişim University, open up to the scientific world through a new journal. It is our opinion that the *Journal of Social Sciences* will not only make a new contribution to the scientific world, but also create a new communication channel through acting as a bridge among disciplines.

We are aware that academic journalism is hard and onerous task, which is not easy to sustain. In this regard, the first issue of the *Journal of Social Sciences* includes academic works and book reviews from different areas and perspectives within an interdisciplinary framework. We aspire at publishing a journal that is open to works of all social sciences bearing the qualities of originality and scientific adequacy.

Our Journal is an international and peer-reviewed and will be issued biannually in April and October. In addition to Turkish articles, the Journal shall also publish articles in English, German, French and Russian languages. According to the decision by the Publication Board, the Journal includes a maximum of eight articles. Henceforth, the articles will be published on a first-come first-served basis and thus the refereeing process will begin. Those articles, which are approved by the referees but cannot be published on grounds of space availability, will be published in the forthcoming issues. It is no doubt that our Journal's success depends on contributions from academics and researchers of social sciences from Turkey and all over the world. We share the belief that we shall publish more comprehensive issues owing to your contributions and the meticulous work of Journal boards.

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