

## Editor's Preface

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We have been striving to cope with the stress and the frustration from the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic (2019-nCoV) and to “restore” the old order amidst the turmoil and the global loss of many lives caused by Covid-19. The hit was unexpected in our super (post)digital age, and as Slavoj Žižek marks by the title of his book (*Pandemic! Covid-19 Shakes the World*), it shakes the world with the shock and panic it caused more than the spread itself. The pandemic we have been through helped us reach the level of awareness that what should be doubted is the idea/act of “restoring the old order”. In the “new” world of pandemic lockdowns, quarantined spaces, social distancing, and so on, we have come to realize that, as Žižek says, “if one group is affected, the other will inevitably also suffer”.

*Çankaya University Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, as of June 2020, presents its 14th volume, and in this issue of the volume, we are giving place to possibly one of the first attempts to work on the topic of pandemic within a linguistic framework, “The British Press’ Coverage of Coronavirus Threat”. Pursuing a comparative linguistic analysis of headlines from serious and sensationalist journalism in the UK, the authors of the article show that “information is one of the most powerful tools, not only to just inform but also to alarm people and create panic”. Following the premise that information is a power to be channeled in the direction of benefit more than hindrance, we maintained our efforts in adhering to and reaching goals of academic discussion in these difficult times. As in our earlier issues, in this issue of the volume too, we continue to cover interdisciplinary studies at the intersection of different areas of the human sciences that fall within the scope of the Journal. Sharing and expanding the new perspectives in humanities and social sciences is of primary focus for the Journal, which aims to reach wider audience through its fully open-access policy.

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