**BILIG / EDITORIAL PRINCIPLES**

BILIG is published quarterly: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. At the end of each year, an annual indice series will be offered. Each issue will be forwarded to the subscribers and to the libraries and international institutions to be determined by the editorial board within one month after its publication.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**
The goals in publishing BILIG are:

- To bring forth the cultural riches, historical and current realities of the Turkish World in a scholarly manner.
- To reach the experts and scholars who show interest in and produce and/or offer ideas related to the Turkish World.
- To follow the studies related to the Turkish World internationally and inform about them to the experts, scholars and public.

**SUBJECT MATTERS**
BILIG is the social science journal of the Turkish World. The articles to be published in this journal should be dealing with the historical and current issues and problems and suggesting solutions for the Turkish World.

**CONTENTS**
The contents of the articles to be published in BILIG are to include:

- Those that are based on an original research which contribute knowledge and scientific information in its area.
- Those that bring forth new views and perspectives on previously written scholarly works based on extensive research and resources.
- Those that are the result(s) of studies/researches executed by well reputed individuals and research groups in the Turkish World on contract basis.
- Those that inform/announce briefly about new/original works, articles, individuals and activities related to the Turkish World.

In order for any article to be published in BILIG, it should not have been previously published or accepted to be published elsewhere. Papers presented at a conference or symposium may be accepted for publication if stated so beforehand.

**EVALUATION OF ARTICLES**
The articles forwarded to be published in BILIG are first studied by the Editorial Board in view of the journal’s objectives, subject matter, rules and regulations in writing. Those that are found acceptable are then sent to two referees who are authorities in their field for scientific evaluation. Referee reports are confidential and safe-kept for five years. In case one referee report is negative and one is favourable, the article may be sent to a third referee for re-evaluation.

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Türkiye Turkish is the language of the journal. Articles submitted in other Turkish dialects can be published in their own dialects after the Editorial Board’s decision if necessary, but on condition that they are written in Latin letters.

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*The Structure of the Articles*

In general the following are to be observed in writing the articles for BILIG:

1. **Title of the Article**
2. **Name(s) and address(es) of the author(s).** (All in Latin letters names and surnames are in capital letters. Addresses in normal italic letters)
3. **Abstracts (with key words)**
4. Each article is to begin with an introductory section stating the purpose, scope and methods utilised; and should continue with main sections to include data, observations, views, comments and discussions (pros and cons) and should end with a final section to include important results and, conclusion.
5. **Acknowledgements (if necessary)**
6. **List of references.**
7. **Title and abstract in English (as in Turkish Abstract)**
8. **Title and abstract in Russian (as in Turkish Abstract)**

**TITLE**

Should state the subject clearly. Should not exceed 12 words and should be in bold.

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Should not exceed 250 words. It should be written in a clear, concise and complete way to reflect the purpose and conclusion of the study so that it could be re-published separately from other parts of the article. The summary and its title should be written in different font types. Within abstract no references, figures and tables should be given. At least 3, maximum 8 key words should be given at the bottom of the abstracts after a double space.

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Articles should be written in computer 10 points (Times New Roman or similar other characters with double space on A4 (29.7*21 cms) papers. 3cms margins should be left on both ends of the pages. Pages should be numbered. Each article should be composed of at least four thousands and maximum ten thousands words.

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In order to provide an orderly transition of information and ideas of the main text and to determine a clear structure of the article other subtitles may be used for different sections and parts of the article.
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