



Dear readers/followers,

The Republic of Turkey (Türkiye) celebrates its 100th year anniversary this year. A century ago, Turkey was established under very difficult conditions with an extraordinary leadership skill shown by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, a young Ottoman General, who made people believe in his course to reach independence. Turkish Independence War or the National Struggle is still an inspiration for many third world or developing countries. It should not be forgotten that Turkey was then under the attack of four major European powers: Britain, France, Italy, and Greece, yet Atatürk and his friends never lost their hope and continued to struggle for their freedom. Atatürk used both military and diplomatic skills to reach his aim. He defeated the Greek Army on the field and created deterrence for other invading powers. But at the same time, he used diplomatic skills to convince imperial powers to leave Anatolia and to accept the independence of Turkish nation. In the end, Atatürk and his friends established a new Republic and made bold steps to create a modern state with a predominantly Muslim population. That is why, Atatürk's greatness will always be remembered...

In order to commemorate Atatürk and his heroic friends, we decided to dedicate this issue to them and to publish a special edition on Turkish Politics and Turkish Foreign Policy. That is why, all articles within this issue will be related to Turkey. We are planning to publish other special editions as well in the future for commemorating great men in history or to discuss an important and contemporary phenomenon. In that sense, 2024 September issue for instance could be a special edition on U.S. politics and presidential elections.

Within this issue, there are 8 original articles and a book review. Articles and the book review are of 243 pages length, and there is effort in every letter of it. Since we encourage young academics to work harder and publish more, most of these articles are written by young

colleagues. However, there are also articles written by experienced and esteemed colleagues who spent many years in this field. I am sure these articles will reach the related audience and help improving things.

At the same time, we are trying to improve our visibility by applying to new indexes. After getting listed in some major European indexes, we are now waiting a positive result from *TRDizin*, an important Turkish academic index. Our aim is to get acceptance from the *ESCI*, *Scopus*, and *SSCI* (Social Sciences Citation Index) as well in the near future. We are confident of ourselves because we work solely for academic purposes and we do not engage in political or economic relations with states, governments, and political parties. I think this might overshadow our neutrality which is an absolute necessity in science.

Please enjoy our new special issue on Turkish Politics and Turkish Foreign Policy.

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