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Dear Readers,

In Volume 5 Issue 2 of the Journal of Anglo-Turkish Relations, we have seven research articles, one interview, one short report, and three book reviews.

In the first article, Fuat UÇAR discusses the reviews made by American educational experts in İzmir in 1951. In the second article, Ebru GÜR and Soyalp TAMÇELİK deal with the administrative or territorial boundaries of the new state of Cyprus and evaluate the attitudes of the Turkish and Greek sides with respect to territorial arrangements.

Yeter MENGEŞ, in the third article, sheds light on the historical background of the Chester Project and to contribute to the evaluation of Turkish foreign policy in the early days of the Republic. The fourth article, authored by Fatma Ali ELBATANONY, presents a discussion of secularism and the relationship of the fall of the Ottoman Caliphate in the period between 1923 and 1938 and its impact on women and the political, economic and educational life in Egypt.

Ayla GÖL, in the fifth article, applies the term ‘geopositioning’ to describe Turkey’s ‘in-between’ geographical location between Europe and Asia by evaluating geostrategic, geoeconomics and geopolitical variables together from a new perspective; and argues that Turkey’s evolving foreign policy towards Eurasia is a consequence of the Ankara governments’ search for an alternative vision that led to geopositioning in post-Cold War international relations.

In the sixth article, Hatice ALANOĞLU traces how the British broadsheet newspaper, The Times, reported on the developments of the Baghdad Pact. The final article was written by Meryem Maide AĞALDAY and Fahri KILIÇ, present a profile of Gertrude Bell, the British woman who was influential in the drawing of national borders in the Middle East.

In addition to the research articles there is an interview conducted by Çiğdem BALIM with Seyfi Onur SAYIN, the Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye in Manchester; and a short report authored by Fatma Rezzan ÜNALP, who presents the life of Namık Kemal ÜNALP, a Turkish colonel and veteran of the Turkish Armed Forces.

The book reviews in this issue include, Mekki ULUDAĞ’s review of the book by Benjamin Gourisse, *Political Violence in Turkey, 1975–1980, The State at Stake*, published by I. B. Tauris, 2023. In addition, Pasha GULUZADE presents a review of the Sevinç ALIYEVA’s book Севиндж Алиева, Турецко-подданные в России: жизнь в преследованиях и гонениях (1877-1953) [*Turkish Subjects of Russia: Persecution and Exile (1877-1953)*], Наука, Moscow, 2020. Finally, Meryem Maide AĞALDAY reviews Taha Niyazi Karaca’s, *Sınırları Çizen Kadın: İngiliz Casus Gertrude Bell*, [*The Woman Who Drew the Borders: British Spy, Gertrude Bell*], Kronik Kitap, İstanbul 2018.

We hope you enjoy this collection of works that we have brought together in this issue, and we look forward to meeting you again with the next issue.

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