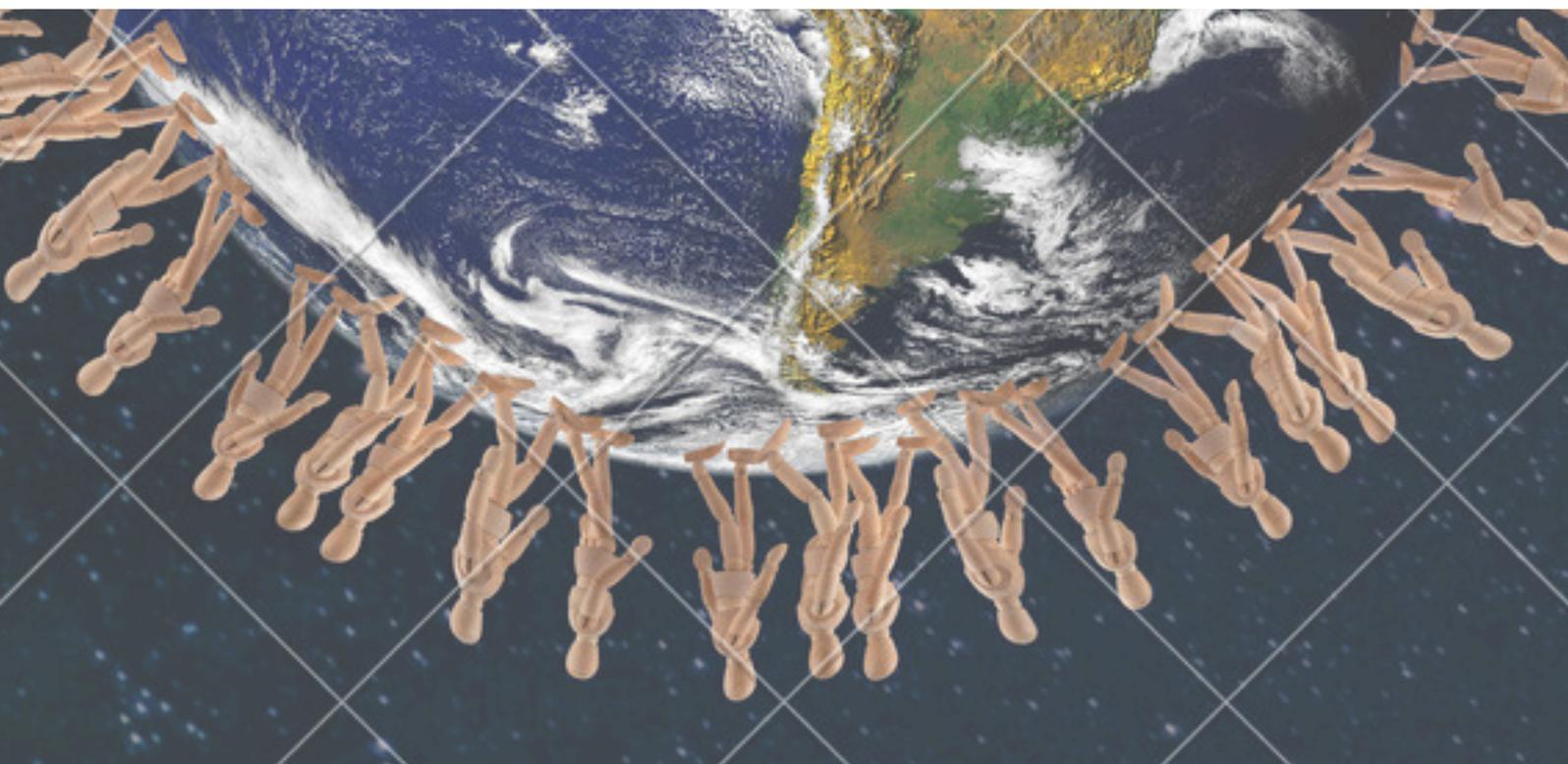


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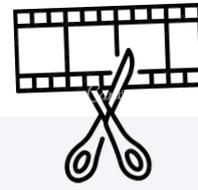
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Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 13th issue of the Journal of International Relations and Political Science Studies, marking the first issue of 2025.

This issue features two compelling research articles that offer valuable insights into migration, ethnic identity, and conflict resolution. Okan Kaymak (University of Sussex) explores the historical roots and contemporary challenges of the Ahıska (Meskhetan) Turks in his article *Diaspora, Transnationalism, and Ethnic Identity Among Ahıska (Meskhetan) Turks: Exploring Historical Roots, Contemporary Issues, and Türkiye's Role in Resettlement*. Meanwhile, Kübra Likođlu (National Defense University) provides an analytical study of the Ohrid Framework Agreement through the lens of Donald Horowitz's theory of ethnic conflict in her article *Donald Horowitz'n Etnik atıřma Teorisi Perspektifinden Ohrid ereve Anlařması*.

In our Book Reviews section, we are proud to include two thoughtful contributions. Mawahib Khalil M. Hassan offers a careful review of Arafat Madi Shoukri's *Refugee Status in Islam: Concepts of Protection in Islamic Tradition and International Law*, examining the intersections between Islamic traditions and international refugee law. Tuđba Karaarslan critically reviews Paul Bergne's *Tacikistan'ın Dođumu: Ulusal Kimlik ve Cumhuriyetin Kkenleri*, shedding light on the formation of national identity and statehood in Central Asia.

As always, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our peer reviewers for their invaluable support in upholding the academic quality of the journal. I also thank our authors and book reviewers for their enriching contributions, which continue to inspire meaningful dialogue in international relations and political science.

Thank you for being part of our growing academic community.

Sincerely,

Burak Yalım
Managing Editor