

EDITORIAL

The CEU Political Science Journal is a publication that promotes high-quality academic work in the field of Political Science, as well as in other related fields in the social sciences. The Journal has entered its second year of existence with a fresh look, which will soon be accompanied by a change in the layout of our website and by an expanded body of reviewers and advisors, with increasing members of academia joining us in our efforts to build a competitive publication. Thus, the quality standards that the submissions have to meet are now higher, which is to the advantage of the Journal's readers. Also, we established a distribution network for the printed version of the Journal covering many universities throughout Europe, which is a good opportunity for submitters to make their work known in the academic environment.

While we successfully co-opted collaborators from other universities, the main work remains in the hands of students, alumni and faculty of the Political Science department at the Central European University. Professors Anil Duman and Carol Harrington joined the Advisory Board, where Professors Sonja Amadae and Carsten Schneider have been active from the beginning of the Journal's existence. The team of Editorial Assistants is comprised only of CEU Political Science students, while the body of reviewers was supplemented with students, faculty members and

scholars from several departments of CEU and other universities in order to cover all the various fields of study that our submitters address.

The CEU Political Science Journal directly tackles the complex processes taking place in Central and Eastern Europe after the fall of Communism. This issue looks at the surge of nationalist feelings and movements, taking over the political spectrum in all the post-Communist states, and at how their emergence shaped the International System in its entirety. The next issue, currently under preparation, will approach the complex transformations in the economies of post-Communist states and the involvement and influence of international organizations.

A special edition of the journal will contain the best papers presented at the Third CEU Graduate Conference in Social Sciences "Challenges for CEE States in an Enlarging EU and a Globalizing World," which is taking place on the 25-27th of May, 2007, at the Central European University in Budapest. This conference will bring together young researchers mainly from universities throughout Europe and will tackle vital issues for post-Communist states, ranging from environmental challenges to those posed by integration in supranational bodies, such as the EU and NATO.

The book review section, which first appeared in the previous issue, proved to be a good source of references in

various fields of Political Science. Not only has the number of book reviews submitted for publication been high, but also the quality of the reviews and, more important, the importance of the books under review turned this new section into a step forward for the journal. We therefore renew our call for those who wish to review books to send their CV to one of the e-mail addresses listed in the “Contacts” section of our website and we will provide a list of books to be considered for review. Also, authors who wish to have their books under review should contact us. Beside the book review section, we continue to support the work of young researchers, especially those preparing Ph.D. dissertations, through our “work in progress” section. Authors are encouraged to submit their partial works in order to be published in advance and to get useful feedback from the reviewers, the members of the Advisory Board, and from the readers of the journal.

Although the journal now has an improved appearance, the formal paper requirements remain the same and can

be found at our web address – [www.ceu.hu/polscijournal]. Articles must consist of 4,000-6,000 words, while any appendixes should not be longer than 5 pages. These requirements apply also to the submissions qualifying as “work in progress,” while the book reviews should not be longer than 1,200 words. Exceptions from these rules might be allowed, but a good justification should be addressed to the members of the Editorial Board, who will consider it only if the reviewers believe that going over the word limit is needed with respect to the content of the article. An additional requirement, which should be met by all submissions, is that any article, work in progress or book review submitted to us for publication should not be under review at other publications or should not have been already accepted for publication elsewhere.

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