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Dear Readers,
Dear Fellow Scholars,

Let me take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all loyal readers of the Journal of Central and Eastern European African Studies (JCEEAS). First of all, I would like to thank those who have been with us since the inception of the Journal. Besides, I wished to welcome our new readers: thank you for your trust in advance; we will do our best to serve it. Since the first issue of JCEEAS has been published, as a member of the Editorial Board, I had the chance to get to know and interact with a lot of great and knowledgeable researchers and academics from a wide variety of fields. As the Journal is righteously gaining local, regional as well as international attention, it is rather challenging to select the best and most up-to-date papers about intriguing topics related to the African continent. It was no different this time either; however, I believe that we once again managed to include several topics in the Journal that will prove to be interesting for our readers.

The authors of the first study, Eunice Akullo and Yona Wanjala, revisit the discourse on NPOs, money laundering and terrorism financing, presenting an overview of the state of civic space specifically and the operational environment of NPOs in East Africa as impacted by the AML/CTF regulatory frameworks. Following that, Péter Gergő Juhász and Csaba Szeremley examine the wide range of deradicalisation and reintegration practices that try to rehabilitate war-affected people through mainly agricultural activities in eastern DRC. Then using field data from research conducted by Eunice Akullo, the chapter titled 'Responsibility for Uganda's Children Born in Captivity' provides a discourse analysis of the common discourses that emerged from the research participants in the study. Tibor Pintér seeks to answer the question whether the global problems caused by the war have an impact on the Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP) or the counterinsurgency against them, and the changing position of the Russians in East Africa.

In the next paper, Richard Andoh concludes that in order to safeguard the nation's security and socioeconomic stability, the rising trend of bullion van robbery attacks in Ghana requires immediate attention from both the government and the private sector. Zsolt Szabó then focuses on the security policy effects of the Algerian-Moroccan-Spanish debate on gas on Europe in the light of the Russian-Ukrainian War by thoroughly analysing the energy and security situation in the region and what solutions there are for the parties to ensure their interests in this complex political, economic and security competition. The author of the next study, Robert Maina Ndung'u, writes about the challenges and opportunities in the management of inter-communal conflicts in Kenya's Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) regions. The topic of the last research article is Israel's relations with emerging African states in the light of some newly-discovered Hungarian state security documents from the first half of the Kádár Era. Archival sources suggest that the treatment of Israel as an enemy occurred in this region before the 1967 break-up.

Following the studies, there are three reviews; two of which deal with entirely different parts of the African continent, namely the north ("Wartime North Africa" by Bálint Somkuti) and the south ("Beyond Judgments and Emotions" by László Pálfi). The third review is about the interaction between African countries and one of the key global players in the continent, Russia ("Russia in Africa" by Nikolay Medushevsky).

We truly hope that our readers will have a pleasant experience familiarising themselves with the topics included in this issue.

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