



Dear readers,

*UPA Strategic Affairs* continues to develop with its small team of editors and referees. We are already indexed in some major international databases including DRJI, CiteFactor, and Index Copernicus in addition to some Turkish indexes. We will continue to make progress and get included into new academic indexes in the coming months/years not only in Türkiye, but also on the international stage. Our fundamental aim is to create a new and dynamic international academic journal and a democratic platform focusing on Political Science and International Relations studies related to Türkiye. We are very hopeful that our journal will be a respected a publication and will get into best academic indexes in the coming years.

Unfortunately, Türkiye has been passing through very difficult days due to the devastating effects of the terrible earthquakes that hit both Türkiye and Syria on February 6, 2023. Türkiye not only lost ten thousands of its citizens, but also had to face with the disastrous economic outcome related to the disaster. In order to relocate hundred thousands of victims, Türkiye had to make transition into online education for the 2022-2023 Spring term. Despite these problems, we will never give up carrying the torch of science and we will continue to make scientific publications.

Our new issue (March 2023) offers 8 original scientific articles. These pieces are written by young and skilled academics. Despite of economic and political difficulties Turkey has, we will continue to provide a solid academic platform for young academic and researchers.

Lastly, I would like to inform you that our next issue (September 2023) will be a special edition on Turkish Foreign Policy. I hope there will be very original and interesting pieces in this edition as well. We are hoping that all important experts and young scholars of Turkish Foreign Policy will show interest in the next issue of the *UPA Strategic Affairs*.

Please enjoy our new issue.

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