



FOREWORD

Dear readers,

Our academic journal *UPA Strategic Affairs* is gaining momentum and having a rapid development. Venerable academicians from different universities and countries send their original articles to UPA. Moreover, both young academicians and experienced professors prefer *UPA Strategic Affairs* journal for academic studies. This indicates a high-quality professional academic work performed and confidence given by the owners and the editors of the journal towards the academic community.

UPA Strategic Affairs evaluates regional and global political problems in the world with an academic interest and without any profit. Articles about current political developments, international relations, political theories as well as historical analyses can be sent to UPA journal by academics for the evaluation process. We aim to keep light on political events and discussions solely for academic purposes. The founder of modern Republic of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's famous motto "*Our true mentor in life is science*", draws our road map. We do not collect money from the contributors and we spend enormous efforts to make a high-quality academic work.

In each issue of the journal, current political and international issues will be analyzed via scientific articles written by various academics and experts around the world. We believe that *UPA Strategic Affairs'* issues will have a lasting legacy on international academic and political discussions. Since the journal is still in its early stages and the majority of the editorial team is composed of Turkish scholars, most of the articles come from Turkish universities and academics. However, the primary goal of *UPA Strategic Affairs* is to become a respected

international academic journal. Our Editorial Board already includes respected colleagues from universities all over the world.

The year 2021 is very interesting concerning the struggle of all nations and states against the Covid-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, climate change discussions, new developments in Turkish foreign policy, the new U.S. (Biden) administration, the ongoing Eastern Mediterranean and Cyprus disputes, Syrian chaos, Israeli elections, events in Southern Caucasia, Russia and China's new initiatives, and the civil war in Libya. So, articles published in this issue will try to provide objective and scientific answers to some of these global political problems. There have always been many problems in human life throughout the history and the role of social sciences is to analyze the situation and to find appropriate means and mechanisms to solve problems. Without any hesitation, social outcomes can be evaluated with scientific approaches. Despite the problems, we must not lose our hope for the future. As Atatürk said: "*Peace at home, peace in the world*"...

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