



FOREWORD

Dear readers/followers,

As the team at the International Policy Academy (UPA), we are delighted, happy, and proud to present the new 2026 issue of our academic e-journal, *UPA Strategic Affairs*, which began publication in 2020. Since its inception, *UPA Strategic Affairs* has pursued a vision of developing its academic integrity and institutional maturity. In line with this vision, as reflected in the scientific studies we have published in the past, it continues to make significant contributions to knowledge production both in Türkiye and in the international academic community.

As *UPA Strategic Affairs*, we continue to move towards our goal of becoming a highly qualified scientific/academic platform in various sub-disciplines of the Social Sciences, publishing various types of work, primarily articles and book reviews, in Turkish, English, and French. Alongside this goal, another objective is to ensure that our journal is included in reputable international academic indexes. The support, efforts, and determination of our valued team members, with whom we work to achieve these goals, are important. In this issue, we feature academic studies written by many scientists and researchers in various fields. I hope these studies raise awareness among our valued readers and inspire new studies.

Best regards.

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