

EDITORIAL

It is really great pleasure for me to introduce the first issue of the second volume of Central European Papers (C.E.P.), a peer reviewed international multidisciplinary scientific journal, now databased already, issued by the Faculty of Public Policies of the Silesian University in Opava in the Czech Republic in cooperation with the Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences in Székesfehérvár and Budapest in Hungary. After having issued the first two issues of the pilot volume of the journal, the main goal of the journal editorial board consisted in its registration in international scientific online databases, to make it available to the broadest circle of readers from among experts and persons with a serious interest in the issues of the unique space of Central or Central-Eastern Europe from the perspective of history, political sciences and sociology or history-sociology, respectively. Thus the articles published in our journal are now freely available in their full wording in two Central European scientific databases: in the Central European Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (CEJSH) and in the Central and Eastern European Online Library (C.E.E.O.L.).

The CEJSH international database was founded in 2004 in compliance with a joint decision adopted by the presidents of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), the Slovakian Academy of Sciences and the general secretary of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Prague in October 2003. The database publishes English abstracts and full wordings of articles from professional journals focused on social sciences and humanities in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, as well as in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Serbia, Slovenia and Ukraine. The C.E.E.O.L. international database is an online archive allowing access to full wording of articles in PDF format from 1135 journals in the area of humanities and social sciences and re-digitalized documents concerning the topics of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe.

We believe that thanks to the registration of the journal in the two above stated leading Central European scientific databases, the articles of our authors will find a much broader response in professional circles and that the journal will attract more contributors. But the editorial board will of course be pleased also by the expanding awareness of the journal facilitated by readers who get it in printed form, in which it is also distributed not only to selected university centres but also to leading libraries, particularly those of Central Europe. Also the first issue of the second volume of C.E.P. presents interesting and inspiring studies on the issues of Central European space in its broader concept in the three disciplinary perspectives of the thematic profile of the journal, not only in their narrow aspects. In the area of history, the studies include both purely historical-political topics of modern history and an article dealing more with historical-economic-political issues with a strong economic-theoretical accent. Broader relevant social-political or social-economic topics related to the present are represented as well. But social processes are examined not only from current but also from deeper historical perspectives in this issue. The contents of the new issue

is enriched by a section with news from the scientific scene, specifically by news from interesting scientific conferences on different Central European topics. Unlike the "flexible" section of "Discussion", which is absent from this issue, we would like to bring news from scientific life or from research of Central European topics regularly.

The authors of the individual articles published in the first issue of the second volume of C.E.P. journal work in different academic-scientific or purely scientific centres in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Poland or Ukraine. The new C.E.P. issue contains results of the research of experts from the Silesian University in Opava in the Czech Republic, University of Economics in Prague, Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences in Székesfehérvár and Budapest, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary (Budapest), National University of Public Service in Budapest, University of Pannonia in Veszprém (Bracnh Keszthely) in Hungary, Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania in Cluj-Napoca in Romania, Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce (Branch Piotrków Trybunalski) and Opole University of Technology in Poland, Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest and the Institute of Political History in Budapest.

We believe that the response to the new C.E.P. issue will be as positive as that to the preceding two journal issues, not only at the Faculty of Applied Sciences but also at a university-wide level – both at the Silesian University in Opava, and at the Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences in Székesfehérvár and Budapest, in the Czech Republic and abroad, in Hungary as well as in other countries. The studies and peer reviews and news from interesting expert conferences on Central European topics, published in this journal issue, as well as their authors, certainly deserve it. The same applies also to the successful international cooperation of two university centres in the Czech Republic and in Hungary that cooperate in preparing the journal, wishing to continue that work in order to establish an interdisciplinary dialogue on the past, present and future of the space of Central Europe. I wish you pleasant reading and professional reflection on Central European and Central-Eastern European space and I am looking forward to inviting you to read our subsequent issue, a monothematic one, devoted to the hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of World War I.

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