

Dear Readers,

The assumption of leadership of the journal by a new editorial team marks a new era of significant overhaul aimed at keeping *The Cyprus Review* at the forefront of scholarship on Cypriot political, social and economic issues, encouraging research and reflection on social and political sciences pertinent to Cyprus, as it has been for over a quarter of a century. As our mission statement emphasizes, the journal aims to serve as the forum where original research is presented and to shape discussion of the most important and topical issues through a rigorous scholarship selection and editing process that meets the highest international standards, and to widely disseminate its content and engage in an international dialogue on Cyprological issues.

In order to achieve its goals, the editorial team has undertaken initiatives that steer the journal towards a new direction in a changing international academic environment. In the digital era, achieving the widest possible dissemination is essential for safeguarding international reputation as the premier social sciences review pertinent to Cyprus. To that end, the journal has adopted a new digital platform that will allow us to engage with you more effectively, enhance the journal's online presence, and increase the visibility, readership, and citability of its content. In addition, the new management system of the platform will streamline and expedite the publishing process and all its associated stages from submission to editorial management to double-blind peer review and finally to publication.

From a substantive perspective, we have implemented the expansion of the journal's major scientific objectives by refocusing its coverage towards multi-disciplinarity through the inclusion of different disciplinary (social, political, economic, legal, historical) and methodological approaches (archival research, formal theory, philosophy, quantitative, qualitative, mixed-methods). This thematic expansion is also reflected in the composition of the new Editorial Board which has been enriched through a targeted multiplicity of disciplinary approaches.

Another major transformation is that the journal moves to an annual review basis rather than its traditional biannual format. As a result, each issue will provide wider coverage. This is also accompanied by a reconfiguration of the journal's publication structure which is facilitated by an annual publication cycle. The journal will actively pursue the publication of Special Sections in two different ways: by the dissemination of Calls for Papers that pertain to a certain topical issue of salience to Cyprus, and by the invitation of guest-edited Special Sections. This will be implemented as of the 2018 issue, the current issue being transitional between the old and new concepts.

We would like to thank those who served previously on the editorial team and board of the journal for adhering to the high standards of academic rigour and scholarship that we aim to uphold in our tenure. Their contribution to *The Cyprus Review* is truly appreciated.

We look forward to engaging with our authors, reviewers, and readers as stakeholders in our aim to sustain and advance the success and reputation of *The Cyprus Review*.

The Editorial Team