

The Editors' foreword on the occasion of the launch of the Corvinus Journal of International Affairs (COJOURN)

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The Institute of International Studies (IIS) at Corvinus University is the first and traditionally the strongest site of education and research in the field of International Relations in Hungary. It is co-host to the International Relations Doctoral School, and it was the first in Hungary to launch English-language programs in International Relations on all three levels of higher education. It has led the way in internationalisation in terms of exchanges of students and teaching staff as well.

We are now interested in carrying these efforts further by launching the *Corvinus Journal of International Affairs* (COJOURN), creating a valuable interface between Hungarian and international scholars of IR. Beyond thus introducing an English-language medium for the purposes of this scholarly dialog, with COJOURN we shall also strive for academic excellence and for raising the standards of scholarly discourse in Hungary. This is a priority for us.

To this end, COJOURN is not merely interested in importing good practices in the field of scholarly publication. In certain respects we wish to differ from the leading peer-reviewed international journals of the field, experimenting with new ways of ensuring quality along with better representation of scholarly work at the same time.

COJOURN will function as a series of thematic issues. It will solicit contributions to these issues from certain authors, and it will also invite and accept contributions based on open calls. Articles shall be submitted to blind peer review which the Editors and the Editorial Board shall consider as an authoritative recommendation as to whether an article may be published or if it shall be revised or rejected.

In order to be able to accommodate all valuable contributions that meet our standards in one issue we are seeking shorter contributions of around 3,000 words. In a future where everything turns out according to our most optimistic expectations, we may

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need to make a selection as to which articles to include in print issues of COJOURN but in any case all accepted articles will be available on our website in a single digital edition of the given issue. It is with this in mind that we are issuing our call for the next thematic issue on Geo-Economics (see our call at the end of this issue).

With that, we shall wish our Readers a useful time browsing the articles in the present issue. The contributions here are all by close associates and staff of our Institute at Corvinus University. That is because we note, with due humility, that in order to open a dialog, one shall first speak in order to express one's interest in it.

This issue is therefore our way of saying welcome to this discourse whereby in the future we wish to accomodate diverse voices from Hungary and abroad.

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