

EDITORIAL

The *Journal of International Studies* focuses on theoretical and policy-making issues faced by Central and Eastern European Countries' (CEEC) economies which were formerly command or centrally-planned. CEE countries are still facing the strategic and socio-economic choices in the transitional economy, bewareing their situation in global world transformations and challenges of globalization. CEE countries had different reactions towards the ways of their economic development. Designate veritable priorities in the economy form a system of strategic purposes and impact a mechanism of their realization.

The Journal also deals with the in-depth debates faced by both transitional and mature market economies, which could serve as a pattern or a plausible solution for the emerging economies. We believe that the *Journal of International Studies* will serve as a thought-provoking medium for numerous political, economic, social and cultural themes behind the concept of globalization and international economics, which have long been sought after by those involved in theoretical and practical considerations of the matter.

We are of the opinion that the elite of the society should be called for a close participation in the transformation processes, and an active role of the academia is most appreciated. The Journal is dedicated to enhancing the link between academic theory and its application at both micro and macro levels.

The authors are expected to critically interrogate the much-abused term of globalization and demonstrate, in a highly convincing and eminently readable manner, our need to adopt a far more creative socio-economic and strategic response to the forces currently transforming the society at different scales.

The Editorial team encourages all authors to present their material in such a way that the implications for economists and practitioners are fully explored. Thus, the research community benefits by linking academic activity to end-user concerned.

This *Journal* can extend your understanding of key issues and build a framework for future research and policy formulation. By highlighting new perspectives on major economic trends, the *Journal of International Studies* assists in finding solutions to the problems facing many economies around the world today.

The current *issue* of the *Journal of International Studies* is dedicated to the development of Ukrainian and Polish economic relations with some contributions from other CEE countries. Taking into account insufficient cross-regional scientific research, it is logical to combine efforts in general meaningful directions for disclosing of situational analysis, prognosis of possible alternatives and modeling of optimum tendencies of historically allied Slavonic societies and territories, having a lot of mutual in history and culture.

A *Journal* includes 17 articles from 19 authors from Ukrainian, Polish and Lithuanian academic establishments and non-governmental organizations. In the *Journal*, different aspects of developing economies are considered, innovative approaches in labour force development; regional policies and agro-business development; industry and development in selected European countries; developments in financial markets.

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