

FROM EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dear readers,

We are excited to present the first issue of the Turkish Journal of Iranian Studies (TJIS). We wish this first step of TJIS, which focuses and comprehends Iran on every level, to be the beginning of a long journey. Through its original and objective academic approach and qualified studies, our hope is that TJIS will contribute to the international literature on Iran, which has been a significant country from the past to the present. It is our medium-term goal, in cooperation with our international editorial structure, advisory committees, and peer reviewers, to establish TJIS as a premier resource for Iranian studies. On the other hand, in the long term, we intend that the journal will establish a new Türkiye-based perspective on Iran and thus has a place in the international literature concerning Iran.

Moreover, it should be emphasized that TJIS is the result of an academic necessity. Even though Iranian studies had been progressed respectively slower in Türkiye than in Europe and the USA, the last couple of years has witnessed several qualified scientific publications regarding Iran and Iran's geography of influence from almost every social science discipline. The current number of researchers who study Iran cannot be compared to 20-30 years ago. These researchers have an opportunity to go to Iran from Türkiye and conduct field research. Furthermore, Iranian researchers and researchers from other countries, who specialize in Iran, work in the research centers or universities in Türkiye. The intellectual capital concerning Iran has been growing day by day in Türkiye. The existence of an international, liberal, and objective academic platform to express academic experiences as a result of these activities, along with the new findings and ideas on Iran, will undoubtedly encourage Iran researchers. It will provide an alternative platform for researchers from outside of Türkiye to publish their studies. In this framework, TJIS considers it as its duty to bring this knowledge together with the academic circles without compromising the academic principles.

TJIS, which is greeting you, dear readers, with its first issue, presents five original research articles and one book review to your attention. In this issue, there are three articles written in Turkish and two articles written in English in TJIS, which prioritizes international accreditation and recognition. We would like to thank the precious authors, reviewers, and the journal management who contributed to the joy of bringing the first issue to you.

Hoping to see you in the next issue.

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