

FROM EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to present the sixth issue of the *Turkish Journal of Iranian Studies (TJIS)*. First and foremost, we would like to thank the authors who contributed to the preparation of this issue, the esteemed reviewers who evaluated the articles, and the TJIS team for their meticulous oversight of the process. In this sixth issue, we feature three original research articles, one translated article, and a book review.

In the article titled “The Instrumentalization of Terrorist Organizations and Social Movements: PKK/PJAK and the Jin, Jiyan, Azadi Campaign in Iran,” authored by Çağatay Balcı, the question of how terrorist organizations instrumentalize social movements is addressed. It should be noted that this is a remarkable article, framed within the context of the Mahsa Amini events that occurred in Iran in recent years.

In the article titled “Iran-Al Qaeda Relations in the Context of the Marriage of Convenience and Hostile Relations Debates in US-Centric Security Studies,” authored by Cihan Gündüz, the Iran-Al Qaeda relationship is examined in the context of the terrorism debates attributed to Iran by the US. In his article, Gündüz provides an objective analysis by reviewing the statements of American foreign policy decision-makers on the subject, the declarations of Al-Qaeda leaders, the arguments of Iranian politicians, intelligence documents, academic studies, and news reports.

The article written by Iana Iuzepovych, “The Role of US Ambassador Henderson in the Resolution of the Iranian Oil Crisis and the Coup Against Mossadegh (1951-1953),” discusses one of the most significant events in modern Iranian history: the nationalization of oil and the coup against Mossadegh. Iuzepovych’s article examines the role of Loy Henderson, who served as the US Ambassador to Iran from 1951-1954, relying on archival documents, a subject that has not been widely discussed to date.

In the book review included in this issue, Aysel Mirzayeva reviews Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi’s book *Islam and Dissent in Postrevolutionary Iran: Abdolkarim Soroush, Religious Politics and Democratic Reform*. The book explores the importance of public Islam and the role of Muslim intellectuals in shaping contemporary Iranian society.

This issue also includes a translated article. Hâmit Zübeyir Koşay’s article, “Elam and Central Asian Relations,” written in English in 1968 in Tehran and previously not given much attention in Turkey, has been translated into Turkish by Eray Karaketir. The article argues that there are similarities between the language of the Elamites, who established the Elamite Kingdom in Southwest Iran in the first quarter of the third millennium BC, and Turkish, providing various pieces of evidence. This will be of interest not only to ancient historians but also to Turkologists.

We look forward to meeting you again in the seventh issue.

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