

Editorial |

Kurdish Studies as a journal and a scholarly community has grown significantly in recent years. We pride ourselves on being able to create a venue for scholarly exchange for those interested in the field. Our dedicated editorial team works tirelessly with the collective aim of publishing high quality research and scholarship. Behind the scenes we offer constructive academic support to both new and established researchers in the field through a meticulous peer review and feedback process. Without ignoring the dilemmas, the pros and cons of academic indexes, we are also generating some interest from well-known indexing and abstracting services. Besides RePEc, *Kurdish Studies* is now indexed and abstracted by EBSCO. For this we would like to thank both the authors and the anonymous reviewers for their contributions to the journal thus far. As always, we welcome contributions from researchers in Kurdish Studies and also proposals for special Journal issues.

In this first issue of our third volume, we bring together another interesting selection of high quality, pioneering articles. Farangis Ghaderi's innovative piece discusses the challenges of creating a comprehensive narrative for Kurdish literature and maps the crucial steps in rewriting Kurdish literary history. Güllistan Yarkin provides a fresh and original perspective on the transformation of the PKK's objectives for the political economy of the Kurdish region. In his article on an underexplored research topic, Ahmet Hamdi Akkaya offers a well-versed account of the relationship between the Palestinian military training camps and the radical Turkish-Kurdish movements with a focus on the PKK.

In a special viewpoint, Michael M. Gunter walks us through the corridors of power bringing the Kurds out in the changing political map of the Middle East. In her review article, Esin Çalışkan eloquently discusses two significant recently published books on Alevis in Turkey. In a heartfelt obituary Joyce Blau reflects on the passing of Mirella Galetti, the Italian scholar who dedicated her life to the study of Kurds, Kurdistan and minorities of the Middle East. In the latter section of this issue, our reviewers offer their opinions and appraisals on a number of important recently published books.

We are deeply grateful to all our colleagues for supporting and promoting our journal and for making this important issue possible. Special thanks go to Ergin Öpengin, Jaffer Sheyholislami and Farangis Ghaderi who kindly translated the abstracts in this issue into Kurmanji and Sorani. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome on board Ergin Öpengin as our new associate editor. Finally, we would like thank our copy editor Naomi Houghton for her meticulous editing of the content of this issue.

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