

Note from Editors



Dear JEECAR Colleagues;

It is my pleasure to communicate to you my sincere appreciation for giving me this opportunity to lead the **Journal of Eastern European and Central Asian Research (JEECAR)** from the start and onto its international recognition. As most of you may be aware, our team of almost fifty international professors from five continents, is actively engaged in various activities from editing the JEECAR journal and organizing IEECA conferences, to performing consulting services in the field of international affairs, economics, finance, management, and marketing. We are after all structured as non-for-profit 501(c)(3) “think-tank” organization.

We see this institution as a “bridge” between Western and Eastern academic worlds. Despite the fact that today’s Eastern European and Central Asian academia is undergoing its major transformations, there are pockets of research knowledge that can be transformed and adapted by the Western universities. As example, this issue features articles from our colleagues in Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan universities and we can implement their reflections in our daily academic teaching. The challenging environment, assumptions of old economic theories, and the role of businesses in community provide an amazing opportunity to perform research in business fields of Eastern European and Central Asian countries.

Looking forward, I am very eager to see that we successfully continue publishing semiannual JEECAR journals while building our impact-factor through submitting journal to CABELL’s, EBSCO, SCOPUS, ULRICH and CrossRef. Even more, we are already working on the Spring 2015 issue and arrangements for the May 27-29, 2014 of the “**Western Ukrainian International Academic Symposium**” with purposed three-day seminar with key objective to collaborate with academicians of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv on how to write a high quality papers that can be published in Western peer-reviewed academic journals. In addition, in October 08-09, 2015 we will have a New Orleans International Business Conference “**Transformation of Emerging Economies for the 21st Century**” to be hosted by the Dillard University in New Orleans, LA. All of those activities are the part of our volunteer organization and I hope you will become actively involved in those activities.

Our main objective is to deliver a unique and rewarding experience of highly valuable published research thanks to the tremendous contribution and review-quality delivered by the remarkable team of the JEECAR Editorial Board. Our team has found this work challenging but rewarding and with each new publication and new academic event we will keep increasing the quality of our publications and conferences.

On behalf of the IEECA Institute and JEECAR Journal,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N. Megits". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Nikolay Megits,
Editor-in-Chief

Academic of the Ukrainian Academy of Economic Sciences