

The present volume of the *International Journal of Asian Philosophical Association (IJAPA)* is meeting our readers with a new development. Our Board of Editors decided to have a new section for graduate students starting in our next issue. We have decided to appoint as our graduate section editor Zehra Vlug-Unver, Ibn Haldun University, Alliance of Civilizations Institute. Graduate students who are interested in publishing their works can contact her at zehravlug@gmail.com. We hope that this will give a good platform for the young scholars of the future to express their opinion in a scholarly forum. The papers presented will be evaluated by our editor and will be published with the approval of the editorial board.

Some of our past issues were devoted volumes and/or issues of *IJAPA* for Asian community languages. We would like to request our contributors to present articles in all Asian languages so that we can plan ahead of time for the coming volumes and/or issues. Please be informed that if you present an article in your language you must provide an extended abstract of about 800 words. We stipulate the same requirement for presentations in the discussions section. However, if an article is presented for discussions in English no abstract is required. For the year 2019 we may have our issues in the Bahasa, the language used predominantly in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore. For this, we need an editor. Perhaps one from Malaysia and one from Indonesia would be preferable. We already have scholars from these countries on our Board, and if they volunteer they can assist our special Asian language issue.

As we have explained in previous issues, the guidelines for authors have been updated, and an extended set of editorial guidelines has been printed in every issue in order to facilitate the editorial work of the publishers. We have also decided to apply both the Chicago Manual of Style and APA formats, beginning with the first issue. As we have indicated before, the scope of our journal is not intended to be limited to that of philosophy narrowly defined, but also to include and encourage rigorous interdisciplinary and comparative work. Scholars working mainly in the humanities

(loosely defined as philosophy, literature, arts and history) may use the Chicago manual, while those working mainly in social sciences may use the APA. Please follow these editorial guidelines strictly. Papers not submitted with these formats cannot be sent to a peer-review process.

Another first achievement we made in this issue is a book review. Please remember that we need more reviews. If you find any book of interest you can review and send us. So far, we have given priority to our members but now we are open for any book that is relevant for our goal as a society. Please bring your recently published books to our congress and conferences and we will present them to our book review editor. If you have a book to suggest for review please contact our editor, Alparslan Açıkgenç and he will find the expert to review that book.

We welcome any opinions and suggestions from our members to improve *IJAPA*.

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