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Editorial

Editorials rarely appear in the Central European Journal of Public Policy. We believe our readers to be smart enough to make judgements about the quality and utility of the articles published for themselves, helped by the abstracts. However, this time presents an exception to the rule for two reasons. Ten years ago, the first issue of the Central European Journal of Public Policy was published; so, it is proper now to get jubilant over the decade of the journal's existence. The credit for this success is due not only to the editorial team and members of the international advisory board, including the former ones, but first of all, to Martin Nekola, the outgoing editor-in-chief. Martin's diligence, dutifulness and adherence to strict standards have helped the Central European Journal of Public Policy reach its current status, with the recognition and readership going beyond the region of Central Europe. Taking the editor-in-chief's seat after him will be a challenging task. That is why I am pleased that Martin, though soon to be burdened by even heavier responsibilities, is to remain 'onboard' with the journal, as a senior member of the editorial team. Thanks, Martin ...

Secondly and not less relevantly, the ten years' anniversary of the journal's existence presents a timely opportunity to reflect on the state of public policy affairs in Central Europe that has been (and will be) the core focus of the journal. To this end, the editorial team decided to hold a mini-symposium, inviting senior as well as junior scholars to give the readers their views and perspectives on the governance of public policies in Central Europe and beyond. The aim is to give space to thoughtful reflections of aspects that, by the view of the mini-forum participants, have borne on governing the Central European public-policy making, including effects and wider, international implications. In organizational terms, there will be one or two such forum articles appearing bi-annually in 2018 and allowing for rejoinders. This issue presents an opening to the mini-symposium, which we preferred to be written by a knowledgeable scholar from outside the region (a 'Westerner'). We are very grateful that Hal Colebatch, a Visiting Professorial Fellow in the School of Social Science, University of New South Wales, kindly consented to take up this task. It is with the hope that you will find his ideas on policy, learning and regime change in Central and Eastern Europe interesting and stimulating read ...

Keep on reading our journal's articles.

Best wishes for 2018,

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Incoming editor-in-chief