

FROM THE EDITOR

NEU Journal of Social Sciences starts its second publication year with this issue published on April 2009. When the activities of the last year are evaluated, it is seen that 85% of the articles published in the *NEU Journal of Social Sciences* are written by scholars who belong to seven different academic institutions outside the Near East University. When the result of this evaluation is taken into consideration, we are pleased to witness that, we were able to actualize “our wish and determination of *NEU Journal of Social Sciences* being a forum open to all scholars and intellectuals” substantially.

As it will be remembered, *NEU Journal of Social Sciences* began its publication life on the 61st Anniversary of the announcement of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations (UN). By taking this opportunity, we placed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights amongst the pages of our Journal for the purpose of refreshing the memories of intellectuals and scholars, and kindly reminded that there is a need for studies focusing on human rights and their protection. We believe that the publication of the article titled “Türkiye’de İnsan Hakları Sorunu” (Human Rights Problem in Turkey) in our journal, can be interpreted as a positive response to the call that we made and it pleases us.

NEU Journal of Social Sciences is now under the coverage of “Sociological Abstracts” and “Worldwide Political Science Abstracts”. We believe that being covered by such international indexes will substantially contribute to the development of our journal, thus we would like to announce this to our readers and to those scholar and intellectuals who have already sent their manuscripts and to the ones who will send in the future.

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