## **EDITORS MESSAGE**

## English Studies at NBU is five years old!



To mark the occasion, we wanted to present the latest issue of the journal in the Book Centre at New Bulgarian University, but we had to cancel the event due to the unexpected COVID-19 pandemic.

However, our operations continued uninterrupted and we put together another very interesting issue.

Our authors come from Asia, Europe and Africa with research in ELT, Linguistics and Literature.

ESNBU is reaching a wider readership as we wrote in a blog post with the 2019 web site traffic analysis. Three of our top authors are PhD students at the time of publication – this is telling us we are on the right track by giving opportunities to young researchers and doctoral students.

Web site-wise, we now have a new Metrics widget, which adds Dimensions and Altmetrics data to PlumX for every published article.

You will notice the new cover – we changed it to reflect our development – while the old cover image showed unconnected glittering dots, the new "networking" image is meant to symbolise that we have started to create a community connecting authors, reviewers, editors and readers, and other collaborators.

We are now indexed in the British Library – we send hardcopies of the journal, and we are present in ZDB - Zeitschriften Datenbank and EZB - Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek

As members of EASE, the EASE BG Chapter held a pre-conference event online where we discussed the difficulties editors face during times of crisis.

Finally, I would like to invite submissions for our next issue in December 2020.

Wishing you all good reading.

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