

2020 IN REVIEW

AND CALL FOR INTERNAL AUDITOR NOMINATIONS

It's been a weird year! Because of COVID-19!

English Studies at NBU keeps growing and developing, though, despite some minor disruptions in our virtual work during the coronavirus lockdowns.



Here is some of the most important news, which you have probably seen on the ESNBU website and in our [Facebook group](#) publications.

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In terms of archiving and long-term preservation, in addition to CEEOL and the Library of Congress, we also deposit the print copies of the journal at the British Library.

On our website, we updated the metrics widget, which now includes Dimensions and Altmetric in addition to PlumX; and we made other small improvements too.

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Do our practices conform to our guiding principles and the promises we have set for ourselves? The biggest step forward for the journal is the introduction of an [Internal Audit System](#) set out in detail on our website. We believe it can considerably raise the quality of the journal and its transparency progressively over time.

The Internal Audit System aims to evaluate the work of the journal in applying its policies and procedures. The overall evaluation comprises a quality analysis of the current state of affairs of the journal. This relates to evaluating performance quality in editorial duties while providing recommendations for quality improvement in the editorial work.

The specific aim of the audit is to identify strengths and weaknesses, which consequently will be used to devise an action plan for improvement. [Nominations for an Internal Auditor](#) are made until 31st December 2020, and the elections will be held in the first week of January 2021.

We're open for discussion – through our social media channels or privately by e-mail.

For the next year? We have plans, stay tuned!

Wishing you all a sane New Year 2021!

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