
Editor's Note

Dear Readers, Colleagues, and Authors,

Welcome to the first issue of the CIVITAS Journal for 2025.

For the past 15 years, the CIVITAS journal has published articles focusing on various current developments and topics related to law, security, psychology, philology, and economics, as well as interdisciplinary research involving the above fields.

In 2021, the journal was awarded the M51 ranking by the Serbian Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, and classified as a leading national journal.

From 2018 the journal has been also indexed in the ERIH PLUS academic journal index for the HSS (Humanities and Social Sciences) society in Europe.

The articles accepted for publication examine a wide range of topics related to social sciences and humanities.

The last three papers in this issue of the journal *CIVITAS* were written on the occasion of the 85th birthday of the famous Canadian writer and the 40th anniversary of the publication of her most renowned novel *The Handmaid's Tale* (1985). The papers examine Atwood's works through the lens of newer critical theories, as well as through comparative analysis with works from different social and cultural contexts, exploring themes of freedom, bodily autonomy, human rights, institutional control, repression and resistance, as well as environmental degradation.

The information about the journal, instructions for authors and reviewers, editorial board members, and reviewers' names and affiliations are available on the journal website in Serbian and English.

The articles may be submitted via the journal web page <http://civitas.rs/index.php/prijava-rada> or via email to redakcija@civitas.rs

On behalf of the Editorial Board and myself, our sincere thanks to all the authors and contributors for the high quality of the articles in this issue.

Hoping that this issue will inspire further research, we invite all interested researchers to submit their articles for publication in *CIVITAS*.

Until the next issue,

Prof. dr Vladimir Njegomir, Editor-in-Chief

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