

*Towards the 73<sup>rd</sup> issue of  
Faculty of Philosophy's Annual*

Two years ago, one of the oldest Macedonian academic journals, the *Annual of the Faculty of Philosophy*, marked a significant anniversary: 70 years since it was first published. And it is precisely in the first issue of our journal that we note the founders of contemporary Macedonian social and humanistic thought: professors Ilievski, Koco, Polenaković, and Koneski. They began the challenging and laborious process of the development of Macedonian social and humanistic science, a process that never ends, and is constantly evolving. The language in which they wrote is the same we use today: Macedonian. I mention this because of certain tendencies to deny our language and its origins. It is exactly this – writing in Macedonian – that shows that the language continues to live, to develop and to contribute not only to Macedonian science, but also beyond.

We have before us the latest issue of the *Annual of the Faculty of Philosophy*; it contains a great many works authored by members of our Faculty, which makes it diverse in nature, drawing its strength from that very heterogeneity. Through the pages of this issue you will find a number of articles that deal with various topics, which show the diverseness of the Faculty. It is this heterogeneity that makes every issue of our journal interesting to its readers. Of course, some are only interested in papers in which they have a scholarly or personal interest; others will read every page in the journal. Both will draw their own conclusions about the articles. I can freely say that the papers in the journal improve every year. One of the goals of this Editorial Board is for the *Annual of the Faculty of Philosophy* to be indexed, and more importantly, for its papers to be cited outside Macedonia. That is why we need to show our appreciation to the previous Editorial Board, which decided for the articles to be published in both Macedonian and English. In this issue, you will also find several texts dedicated to our recently-deceased colleagues. We owe it to them, both personally and professionally, to realize that nothing starts nor ends with us. The respect for our predecessors, their deeds, and their contribution to the development of the Faculty is not only an obligation, but also a human virtue.

This year, the Faculty of Philosophy is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This journal is a reflection of the work of the oldest Macedonian institution offering higher education. I hope that this issue, and the articles it contains, will show that the Faculty of Philosophy is not only the oldest institution of this type in the country, but also one of the best when it comes to academic achievements. On my behalf, and on behalf of the entire Editorial Board, I congratulate you on this great anniversary.

Finally, I must note that the publication of this issue is a credit to both the authors who submitted their papers and the entire Editorial Board, to whom I express my personal gratitude.

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