

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

We have seen a good 2016 and have published seven excellent articles. We have also introduced some new features to the journal along with improvements to the website.



From Vol. 2 issue 2, *English Studies at NBU* introduced an optional Open Peer Review system. Reviewers now have the option to select whether their reviews are anonymous or open, and if they give us permission to disclose their names.

We believe that disclosing the pre-publication history of an article through the introduction of an open peer review system will make the peer review process more transparent and will stimulate scholarly discussion.

That year we also introduced a ***Doctoral section*** to give young researchers the opportunity to share their innovative ideas and research findings.

We revised our policy to state explicitly that all published articles are licensed under the **Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International License** (CC BY-NC 4.0) and we started marking the papers with the Creative Commons BY-NC license and logo. This license lets others remix, tweak, and build upon your work non-commercially. If the article is to be used for commercial purposes, we suggest authors be contacted by email. You can read the revised **journal policy** on our site.

We also write the reviewers' names and that of the handling editor at the end of each paper.

On the web site we introduced ORCID iDs for name disambiguation. You can find out more and register for an ORCID iD at <https://orcid.org>. And we now publish the References in the abstract web page of each paper.

We partner with Publons.com to reward our reviewers, and 10 have already joined. You can see our journal page on Publons here <https://publons.com/journal/34145/english-studies-at-nbu>.

As always, you are welcome to send us your comments or contact the authors or the editors for further dialogue. We look forward to getting feedback from you, and continue to welcome submissions for our upcoming issues. You can find out more about submitting a paper to ESNBU at our web site.

We keep posting useful resources and software in the News section on the web site <http://www.esnbu.org>, so come back soon.

Finally, I would like to thank our authors, old and new reviewers and the entire editorial team for their help and support in the preparation of this issue.

I wish you good reading!

Kind regards,

Stan Bogdanov, Managing Editor

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