## Preface

One should ask why to launch a new peer-reviewed journal for Slavic studies. This field of research sees a variety of excellent projects. However, the available journals are, for the most part, limited to individual Slavic languages or subfields and, correspondingly, represent separate (mostly national) scholarly traditions. The missions of these teams are self-evident.

Our position, on the contrary, is a tricky one. We aim at bringing together diverse studies dedicated to aspects of Slavic philology and neighbouring fields. We hope that the journal will become a forum of international interaction and mutual enrichment of the Russian, East and West European, and North American philological trends. Our main strategical goal is to present the Slavic world and Slavic studies as crossroads of cultural and scholarly traditions. Chanses are that the project will succeed, but it is but a possibility.

As for now, what we are confident in is that the idea spontaneously brought together not only an impressive editorial board, but a group of scholars willing to participate with contributions, critics and discussions. The preparations of the first issue was a time of vivid exchange of opinions, and, eventually, some fun. Hopefully, to be continued.

The journal will come out in two issues per year both in hard copies and online. It is based on "anonymous and blind referees" system. We encourage you to submit your contributions to the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:slavs.journal@gmail.com">slavs.journal@gmail.com</a>

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