

10 Years of Academicus International Scientific Journal

The story of contribution in the research in 20 Issues.

A delightful scientific journal which, since its birth in Albania, has quickly learned the ways of the world, bringing Balkan matters and issues abroad, to the East as well as to the West, but also conversely, making known in the Land of Eagles which were the main topics of reflection and study, such as the problems of distant countries and other cultures.

Academicus quickly crossed the sea, making landfall on Italian beaches, where it found not only friends but admirers. From the very beginning, it started looking for broader horizons, never forgetting its native land. It opened its pages, its interests, to several researchers from the most various fields, to numerous research paths. Men and women, old professors and young promising students, have written for this biyearly journal, without any excluding preclusions.

Numerous Social Studies academics have written for it: sociologists, historians, economists, pedagogists, cultural anthropologists and ethnologists, communication experts, scholars who are most interested in the ground researches – a research both run through statistical-quantitative methods and ones more leaning on a qualitative approach – but also countless *maîtres à penser*, thinkers who have fulfilled a key role in the theoretical construction of the discipline they themselves are teaching or have taught.

I became acquainted with this journal at its birth, as I was and am in its Editorial Board. I have followed with great interest its birth, its first steps: a new venture in a difficult environment, where the risk was to be able to publish its issues for a short amount time and then be forced to shut it down. But that wasn't Academicus' itinerary, which kept moving forwards through any circumstance, through the easiest and hardest of times. After all, since its beginning to this very moment, I've always been able to rely and hold constructive discussions with my colleague Arta Musaraj, Editor in Chief, who has often involved me in the preparation of specifically-themed issues or in some editorial matter, considering that I, myself, have managed the editorial staff of the quarterly journal «The sociological critique» journal, founded and directed by Franco Ferrarotti.

Some examples of topics I have faced in Academicus? Many:

Albania and the teaching in its schools; or the Political Consensus, Culture, Politics and Power, Disabilities as well as the subject of Kosovo. We've written several powerful articles on the Migration Policy, on development and globalization. The journal has dwelled on the Balkans, investigated the matter of Greece's current situation, but studied faraway African Countries as well. The journal dealt with questions on Kosovo

and Macedonia, but also debated Armenia, the genocide it endured. And the beautiful San Francisco, in California.

Similarly, the journal challenged the scientific debate with articles about Max Horkheimer or Max Weber.

In other words, an outstanding journal, which can be read by both modern young people, following it online, and older people who prefer to browse through it appreciating the consistency of paper, editorial care, the cover. One for everyone and everybody, especially those who'll always appreciate the intrinsic and incomparable professionalism with which all topics are addressed.

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