

FOREWORD

It is a great pleasure to introduce the fifth issue of the CEU Political Science Review. In harmony with its mission, the present issue is especially well suited to promote the Political Science Department and to inform prospective students about its profile. The issue is built on some of the best MA theses submitted in the last Academic Year. It attests to the varieties of topics, the plurality of methods, the depth, originality and relevance of research undertaken by MA students of the Political Science Department. The articles included make major contributions in the fields of Political Theory, International Politics and Comparative Politics and cover such central issues as the concept of freedom and power in the work of Michel Foucault, forms of minority representation in Central and Eastern Europe, the way how scarcity is socially constructed, and an original approach to the “warlord democracy” in Afghanistan. Taken together, I can only congratulate the editors and the contributors of the CEU Political Science Review to have produced an especially exciting issue!

There is more reason to congratulate the editors of the CEU Political Science Review. With this fifth issue, the Review has survived its first year successfully. It is with great satisfaction that I see the entrepreneurial spirit of editors and students who work so closely together to produce a journal of professional quality. I very much hope that current and future cohorts take up the task and I am looking

forward to seeing many more issues of the journal.

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