

FOREWORD FROM THE EDITOR



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This year we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the ENERPO Journal – an international scientific publication on world energy politics, security and economics, which strives not only to provide a discussion platform for scientific and industry professionals, but also to give young researchers an opportunity to publish their work.

Originally started as a students' initiative back in 2013, the journal has come a long and thorny way to become an internationally recognized and peer-reviewed publication, which our readers now hold in their hands. However, it wasn't always like that. At the outset of its existence, the journal was available only in PDF format and was distributed via email among subscribers.

After the ENERPO Research Center was established in 2015, and thanks to the efforts of the editorial team consisted mainly of enthusiastic students and alumni of the European University at Saint Petersburg's 'Energy Politics and Energy Transition in Eurasia' educational program, the ENERPO Journal underwent the process of rebranding. Back then, we decided to switch from a PDF version to print, and since that very moment, the journal has become a visiting card both for the Center and the ENERPO educational program.

As a popular saying goes, "you cannot judge a book by its cover". However, without a shadow of a doubt, it is the cover that makes the first impression, especially when you are a young academic journal being distributed at university events. The appearance of our journal now reflects an immense amount of time and effort devoted to the lengthy and challenging process of creating the ideas and finding partners willing – and able – to embody them. Thanks to the contribution of our former and current editorial team, we believe the journal has found its own unique style and design.

From a scientific point of view, our path has not been smooth either. It was a detailed plan suggested by our alumni and editors that resulted in the adoption of a double-blind peer review editing process with experts from around the globe and publishing ethics for the journal. Step by step, following this ambitious and scrupulously developed plan, we have created an Editorial Board and expanded our reviewer database. As a result, the journal has been assigned with both ISSN and DOI, and we are now in the process of redesigning our website to align with the best standards of scientific publishing.

Summarizing all the above and reflecting upon the experience we have gained over 10 years of hard and devoted work, one thing can be said for sure: the ENERPO Journal is not only a compilation of solid research in the form of analysis, viewpoints reflecting competent opinions of scientific and corporate professionals, or interviews and success stories of

industry experts aimed at encouraging young readers. The ENERPO Journal is also the result of collaboration between like-minded students, alumni, colleagues and friends. It is a result of 10 years of teamwork, where each contributor has their own view and understanding on how the journal should look like, but everyone is united by the goal of making the journal better.

Having said that, we would like to thank everyone who established the ENERPO Journal 10 years ago and has supported us through these years. By all means, our Editorial Board highly appreciates continued readership and contributions to the journal of those enduringly interested in energy politics and related matters.

Despite today's unstable and rapidly changing international environment, we strive to continue our work on developing the journal and increasing our involvement with both the Russian and international scientific communities. We at ENERPO believe that continuing challenges bring numerous opportunities to open new pages both in everyday and professional life. Keeping that in mind, we look forward to seeing what further achievements await the journal in the upcoming year so we can share them with our devoted readers in the ENERPO Journal's 2024 issue.

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