

EDITORIAL

We greet the reader on the occasion of the publication of the ninth issue of the Central European Papers (C.E.P.). This number of our scientific journal is dedicated to the history and current politics of Ukraine. The Ukrainian crisis, which started in 2014, represents one of the biggest challenges for the stability of the international order and for the peace in Eastern Europe. This crisis is continuing today and nobody knows its real longtime consequences.

The present issue of the Central European Papers (C.E.P.) reflects different aspects of Ukrainian history, and also of the current crisis. An important aspect of these processes is the memory-policy and the language-policy. A number of articles are dedicated to these problems. One paper focuses on the history of those Czechs and Slovaks who were executed and repressed in Ukraine during stalinism. Another Czech-related article deals with the problem of Subcarpathia in the Czech thinking. The authors of the current volume are respected scholars from Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Ukraine. Readers can find among them scientific researchers, lecturers and professors.

We hope that this issue of Central European Papers (C.E.P.) will be useful not only for scholars but also for graduate and undergraduate students as well as for non-professional readers. The development of Ukraine, which is territorially the second biggest country in Europe, is very important for Europe. Deep, current and neutral knowledge about this country is our elementary interest.

We also have to inform the Reader of tragic news. One of the authors of our current issue, Prof. PhDr, Mečislav Borák CSc, one of the most well-known and respected researchers of Silesian University in Opava, died. It was not long ago that we celebrated his birthday. We dedicate this issue to his memory.

Editors