

From the Editor-in-Chief: Update on *EWJUS*'s Activities

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The present issue of *East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies* consists of two parts. It contains an addendum—Part II—to the special thematic section dedicated to the 40th Anniversary of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) at the University of Alberta, published in vol. 5, no. 1 (2018). Guest edited by Roman Senkus (CIUS, Toronto Office, University of Alberta), this section features two articles: one describes the history behind the establishment of the CIUS in Edmonton and its unique model, the other offers a survey of the study of Ukrainian church history and theology in Canada. In addition to the addendum, the present issue contains three regular articles highlighting topics of the Ukrainian presidential elections in 2010 (a timely publication in light of the upcoming 2019 presidential elections in Ukraine); an article describing the influence of Austrian philosopher Franz Brentano (1838-1917) on the development of Ukrainian philosophic thought; and an article depicting specifics of the post-Soviet transition in Eastern Europe and, especially in Ukraine, as viewed through the lens of Western (Western European and North American) transition theories. As always, the issue presents reviews of recent books in Ukrainian studies. I am very grateful to our book review editor Tania Stech (CIUS, Toronto Office, University of Alberta) for consistently increasing the number of book reviews in each issue that we publish. Finally, the issue offers an obituary for Andriy Makuch, a long-time CIUS associate who passed away unexpectedly in January of this year.

Our future publication plans include a special thematic section featuring articles resulting from a graduate student conference in Ukrainian studies, “Platforma,” at the University of Kansas. Three projects that are planned for subsequent years include a thematic section on Ukraine-Ireland in comparative perspective, a “Kharkiv: The City of Diversity” thematic issue, and a special issue stemming from the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium held in Kyiv in 2017.

I am pleased to report that *EWJUS* continues to enjoy stable growth. Our readership statistics show a steady increase, thanks to our inclusion two years ago in the Directory of Open Access Journals and the MLA Directory of

Periodicals. Since my last report (volume 5, no. 2, September 2018), the journal's articles and reviews have been downloaded more than 14,000 times, in over 100 countries, and we have 793 registered users on our site—100 more than last year.

In terms of our visibility, *EWJUS*'s special thematic issue devoted to women and gender studies in Ukrainian society, politics, and literature (vol. 2, no. 2, 2015) and Oleksandra Wallo's article from vol. 5, no. 1 (2018) were recently featured in the [Association for Women in Slavic Studies' bibliography](#). Maryna Romanets's article on Russian propaganda and warfare, published in *EWJUS*, vol. 4, no. 1 (2017) was featured in a bi-monthly *Peace Science Digest* in their [special issue on gender and conflict](#). Finally, Ola Hnatiuk's review article "Conditio sine qua non" from *EWJUS*, vol. 4, no. 2 (2017) was reprinted in Ukrainian in [Krytyka, no. 11-12 \(2017\)](#). Indexing and republication increase the journal's visibility and attract new submissions.

I hope to launch an English-Ukrainian translation of *EWJUS* articles (as noted in a previous editorial) later this year, and to look into the inclusion of *EWJUS* in more databases and scholarly indices. *EWJUS* is also working on a new initiative in co-operation with the CIUS's Contemporary Ukraine Studies Program (CUSP). We plan to start a new journal section, titled "Ukraine in the World," where a selection of CUSP-solicited articles of comparative nature will appear.

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