

FROM EDITOR IN CHIEF

Respectable Readers;

We present you the fifth issue of the Turkish Journal of Iranian Studies (TJIS). We would like to present our sincere thanks to the authors who contributed to the publication process of this issue, the valuable referees who evaluated the articles and the TJIS team who meticulously followed the process. The fifth issue, published in January 2024, contains four original research articles and a book review. In the first article titled, *Iran-China Relations In The Context Of “One Belt One Road Project” And “Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Agreement” Signed Between Iran And China*, co-authored by İbrahim Çetin and Engin Koç, the authors analysed China’s relations with Iran in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the 25-year Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Agreement. In the second article titled “*Some Reflections On The Story ‘The History Of Gharib And His Brother Ajib’ From The Thousand And One Nights And Its Illustration In The Qajar Era*”, Başak Kilerci examines to what extent the Thousand and One Nights Tales are based on Persian sources and contain Persian motifs and elements focusing on “The History Of Gharib And His Brother Ajib” and in what ways it was Qajarised in the 19th century. In the third article of this issue, “*Iran’s Democratiation Efforts: Mohammad Ali Shah And The Constitutionalism*”, Ömer Alkaç discussed the constitutional movement, which can be considered as the first step in Iran’s democratisation efforts, and the reflection of the developments in the press during the short reign of Mohammad Ali Shah (1907-1909). Fatih Tuna, in the fourth article titled “*India’s New Middle East Policy Within The Context Of Hamas’ Al Aqsa Flood Operation And The Israel Factor*”, analysed the reasons why India, one of the leading actors of the non-aligned movement, adopted a pro-Israel stance which represent a remarkable change in its foreign policy. In the book review section of this issue, Muhammed Furkan Şahin introduced the book titled “*50 Questions On Turkey-Iran Relations*”. The book analyses Turkey-Iran relations in all its dimensions, including economic, political, cultural and social.

We hope to see you in our sixth issue to be published in July 2024.

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