

## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Dear friends, colleagues and readers!

You are holding in your hands the first issue of the new journal DEMIS, which appeared thanks to the efforts of researchers from the Institute for Demographic Research of the Federal Center of Theoretical and Applied Sociology of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Our Institute was officially established on June 1, 2020. The foundation of the Institute coincided with two important events within the demographic agenda: firstly, the second (new) wave of depopulation, which is characterized by a decrease in population, is aggravating in Russia since 2016; secondly, the COVID-19 pandemic shocked the whole world and did not leave aside Russia which ranks fourth in the world in terms of the number of infected. The creation of the Institute for Demographic Research became a landmark event for the country.

The new Demographic Institute launched a number of research projects, including the DEMIS Journal which is designed to inform the academic community and practitioners about the results of studies in the field of population and migration.

The first issue of the Journal presents articles by scientists from Russia, Tajikistan, Vietnam, the USA, Finland and Japan. The works consider theoretical aspects of migration processes, including the concept and criteria of the “migration crisis” (Sergey V. Ryazantsev), a systematic approach to the study of migration processes (Anatoly V. Topilin), the genesis structure of the population (Anastasia S. Maksimova); features of labor migration during the COVID-19 pandemic (Philip Martin); new trends in African migration (Yoni Virkkunen and Minna Piipponen); trends in labor emigration from Russia (Kenichi Ohashi), Vietnam (Vu Thi Thanh) and Tajikistan (Tarakul R. Rizokulov, Sharif Y. Akramov, Adolatjon T. Abdulloeva); topical issues of immigration policies formation in a number of European states (Yana R. Streltsova, Natalia M. Morozova, Arina G. Alymova, Elena S. Yakovleva, Mikhail S. Guzhev, Maria S. Semenova); social adaptation of orphans and children left without parental care (Artem Y. Nesterov).

We hope that the new Journal will be interesting and useful to our readers.

Best regards,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S. Ryazantsev'.