

## Editors' Presentation

We are pleased to present to the readers the fourth volume of *Hagira – Israel Journal of Migration*. *Hagira* is published under the auspices of Ruppin Academic Center and the Section on Migration and Demography of the Israel Sociological Association.

This issue departs from the previous three in that for the first time it includes a few articles in English. The editors' original decision was that *Hagira* would be published in Hebrew, among other things in order to encourage young scholars in Israel to submit their work to peer reviewing free of the worry of foreign language editing. Clearly most of the main scientific publications worldwide today appear in English, and exposure to the English reading public is an essential step for the sake of career building or even merely to achieve a broader communication platform. Hebrew cannot obviously become the sole or the main vector of discourse among Israeli scholars. On the other hand, we deem the existence of national languages, Hebrew among them, should not be discounted as a penalty for those who are fluent in them, and it should be possible to build a highly qualitative body of knowledge outside the English domain – provided all research submitted undergoes the stringent quality controls of the best publications in English. And this has been the way of proceeding of *Hagira*.

The special circumstance that supported the introduction of English texts was that this fourth issue of *Hagira* is devoted to papers that were presented at the Second International Migration Conference held at Ruppin Academic Center in May 2014. Not only several of the texts were submitted originally in English, but some of the contributors are themselves among the leading authorities in the field. It would have been quite artificial to translate to Hebrew these texts readily available in English. In the future, too, the policy of the Journal will be to accept papers written in English.

While under the general supervision of the chief editors, this volume of *Hagira* hosts Guest Editor Dr. Karin Amit, who is Head of the MA Program in Migration and Social Intergration at Ruppin Academic Center. Future volumes of the Journal will periodically alternate collections of articles on general themes, and collections more specifically devoted to one particular theme. Volumes 5 and 6 have reached an advanced stage of preparation, and individual articles have already been released on the web. Vol. 5 under Guest Editor Prof. Lilach Lev Ari of Oranim Academic College, will focus on Educational Tourism, and Vol. 6 will be a general compilation.

We trust the readers of *Hagira* will find the research in this as well as in past and future issues useful and stimulating, and we invite them to submit their work to future volumes of the Journal.

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