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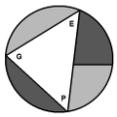
2020: A Time of Health Crises and Ethno-National Wars

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The world in 2020 has faced hard times of endemic health crises (especially the Covid-19 corona pandemic) and wars, e.g. the Lybian, Syrian and Yemeni wars, and most recently the Karabakh war. Owing to several issues relating to the disruptions caused by Covid-19, we also have had a hard time to publish the current issue of our journal.

Therefore, we apologise for the belated appearance of the current issue, which should have come out months ago. We thank the contributors and fellow-editors for their patience. Naturally, the primary reason for this delay (beyond other busy engagements by many editors of this journal) is the one that is affecting us all: the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, which has disrupted our work and private lives—and consequently the functioning of Association EGP and its journal as well.

Indeed, the pandemic has severely affected some of us on the editorial and advisory boards—and current and prospective contributors beyond these boards (lockdown, self-isolation, quarantine, infection etc.). The virus itself has infected or otherwise affected them or their closest families and friends, leading to some fatalities among them. We wish them and their families and friends all the best, and offer our deepest condolences for their suffering and loss.



Originally, the present Editorial would have been about another topic (this one will appear in one of the next issues of our journal). Yet we have decided to give priority to this current editorial communiqué as well as to an additional article about the very recent upsurge of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. First, we decided to write a short editorial about this conflict but then decided to write an article in its own right about the current escalation of the Karabakh conflict (up to late October 2020) due to its immediate nature and impact on the South Caucasus and the wider region.

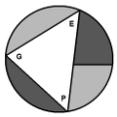
Dr. Babak Rezvani, already has given interviews about the escalated, yet at the same time protracted 'melted' Karabakh conflict to different media outlets, in which he discussed the current escalation and fighting in and around Karabakh more analytically. We further invite the audience to read the in-depth analyses by some of our contributors on Karabakh, specifically the ones in the preceding and current issues about the brief flare-up of hostilities in April 2016 (Baghdasaryan 2019), the regional geopolitics in its earlier phases (Rezvani 2013a; Rezvani 2013b), and about sexual violence in ethnic conflicts which may have allegedly happened during particularly the Karabakh War of 1988-1994 (Webster 2020).

We have to add that we as the editorial board of this journal do not necessarily endorse the authors' views. Hence, these articles reflect their author's views and our editorial policy is remaining neutral and objective in these matters.

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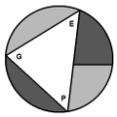
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