

## INTRODUCTION BY THE GUEST EDITOR

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The Special Issue is prepared in accordance with the decision of the journal's Editorial Board to support research in the area of governance in BRICS, ASEAN, and Eurasia Union countries, and to provide the analytics related to projects such as Silky Way, the Bank of Development (BRICS), and energy generation and distribution (including electric and pipelines) projects.

The process of collecting the articles and communicating with the authors of this Special Issue was conducted in close collaboration with our counterparts, such as the Kennan Institute (Woodrow Wilson Center, USA) as our leading partner for the Special Issue, the Expert Group for Public Governance in BRICS countries (Fudan University, China), and the Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration of Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee). We appreciate the valuable organizational assistance and encouraging exchange of thoughts from our partners and their will to share with us their advice and contacts with potential authors, which demonstrates their interest in the subject of this Special Issue.

The Special Issue consists of ten items, including articles from Indonesia, Macao, Kazakhstan (two articles), and Bulgaria. Russia is represented by articles from Saint Petersburg State University (two articles), Ufa State University, the National Research University (MPEI), and the NRU HSE (two articles). The thematic of the Special Issue is distributed according to next directions:

- Governance in the area of international projects (Silky Way) - Svetlicinii, Alexandr. China's Belt And Road Initiative and The Eurasian Economic Union: "Integrating The Integrations";
- Governance of energy services in the European Union (Bulgaria) and the problems in the implementation of the energy project "East-West" due to the specific regulations of the energy markets in the European Union - Andreeva, Lyubimka. The Regulatory Model of Energy Services' Governance in the EU;
- Expert support of decision-making in ATR countries - Ruban, Larissa. Expert Assessment of the Situation in the Asia-Pacific Region by Scholars, Businessmen and Decision Makers;

- The sectoral inter-regional cooperation and integration of the countries of a region in the area of agriculture – Sayabek, Ziyadin & Kabysheva, Natalia. The Basis for Initiating the Eurasian Integration of the Agricultural Sector;
- Management in the area of trade agreements – Fedorov, Nikolai. A New Policy Towards Vietnam? The State Administration of the Russian Federation and a Realization of the Free Trade Agreement between the EAEU and Vietnam;
- Administrative reforms and the National systems of government in the countries of a region - Smorgunov, Leonid. Inclusive Growth and Administrative Reform in the BRICS Countries; Suleimenova, Gulimzhan & Karamalayeva, Zukhra. Assessing Civil Servants Training Needs: The Case of Kazakhstan; Zulkarnay, Ildar. Why Russia has been moving again from Federalism to Unitarianism?
- Some trends in regional New Public Governance (participation and mass media attribution - Sungurov, Alexander & Tiniiakov, Daniil. Russian Administrative Reform: Better Outcomes Through Broader Participation; Aqli, Zanai. Mass Media Attribution to Local Government Infrastructure Performance.

As Guest Editor, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the authors for their patience and readiness to take into account the editorial comments that reflect the intent of our Journal to shape the systemic vision of different governance processes in the huge spaces of the region, from Eastern Europe to the Pacific Ocean, which has become an arena for innovation and rapid progress, and the source of new practices of governance.

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