

Dear RASCEE readers:

We're very pleased to introduce a new issue of RASCEE - Religion and Society in Central and Eastern Europe to you. It is actually first issue since RASCEE became the official journal of ISORECEA at the very end of 2010. It has a bit longer history, though: it started in 2005 under the sponsorship of the West Virginia University and with a help of the Fulbright Program. So this is actually Volume 4, but it is also the first issue under new editorial team (you can find first three volumes under the archives). We dedicated the first issue, as you can see, to the secularization. It follows the last ISORECEA conference topic (Brno, Masaryk University, December 2010).

We took the journal over with a clear ambition to make it the main reference journal on all kind of different topics concerning religion in Central and Eastern Europe. We see it as an interdisciplinary venture; therefore scholarly papers on different aspects of religion in the region (sociological, anthropological, cultural, political, legal, historical, psychological, geographical, etc.) are welcome. We see our journal as a place for exchanging research information, ideas, views etc. and we warmly invite you to actively participate. We publish theoretical and empirical articles, research-in-progress papers, book reviews and short communications. For our ambitious goal, we somewhat modified the editorial policy in order to ensure scientific requirements.

According to our plans, the journal will be published biannually from the next year on. We plan the thematic issues as well as thematically open issues, which would ideally follow one after another. We are aware, that this might not be very modest ambition, but are firmly convinced that we can reach our goals if we work hard – and if you help as a bit with your contributions (in a form of comments, suggestions, paper submissions, proposals for thematic issues, information sharing etc.).

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