

György Heidl emphasized in the dean's greeting on the website of PTE BTK:

“As stated in the Magna Charta of the European Universities, the document lays down as a principle that the universities have the responsibility to create, study, evaluate and transfer culture, and they can fulfill their mission if they are morally and intellectually independent of political and economic power. Therefore, the university is a venue where education and scientific research are inseparable, where teachers prepare to expand, deepen and transfer their knowledge and store of learning, and meet students who are willing to enrich their thinking, utilizing that science. Such a colorful scientific and intellectual environment constantly adapted to the social needs necessarily encourages practitioners, university teachers, and students of the humanities and social sciences alike to constantly strive for universal knowledge, in addition to the acquisition of individual disciplines and the deepening of that special knowledge. Moreover, it inspires them to consider the university their second home, as a reality that transcends geographical, political, linguistic, and cultural boundaries, and thus promotes dialogue and mutual knowledge of different cultures. University teachers and students of our faculty are also invited to do so.

Nexus, as a public interest journal of PTE BTK, also seeks to follow this guideline. It gives free voice to interdisciplinary communication by presenting the diverse scientific work and results of the faculty — thus supporting networking among the institutes, departments, and research groups of the faculty. As an electronic periodical of the faculty, it is published twice a year on the new BTK website and the university platform Open Journal Systems (OJS). The headings of the Content also reflect the above-mentioned intentions.

The interviews entitled „Paths of Life — Fields of Science” present the professional work of our faculty members dedicated to a milestone of their professional life and also showing glimpses from their personal lives.

Among the main responsibilities of *Nexus* is to present the scientific news, public interest information, events, conferences, lectures, and applications of the university. The book review section aims to draw readers' attention to the recently published monographs and edited volumes written by our faculty. Also, readers can be informed about the professional progress of the students and university teachers (PhD news, habilitations, appointments).

From August 1, 2020, the Faculty of Arts changed its name to Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, but BTK remained as an abbreviation. The name reflects the increasing number of students and faculty in the Social Sciences aligning with Humanities in recent decades. György Heidl emphasized that the main goal of the name change was to help „our current and future partners who seek contact through social science courses in finding us, and they know from the very name of the faculty that we also deal with the social sciences.” In addition to a wide range of educational activities, the faculty also conducts extensive and recognized national and international research. In each issue of the journal, we would like to present the current projects of our research centers; and in the Kaleidoscope section, report on the diverse scientific activities of the institutes and departments. However, we must not forget that our Faculty also provides various services in the field of talent management and mentoring programs to meet the needs of students. In a modern electronic format, *Nexus* as a public magazine aims to reach the widest possible audience. Thus, educational articles

and reviews also serve the purpose of promoting science. In addition to all these objectives, the journal also gives place to the work of talented MA and PhD students in the form of book reviews, reports, and articles. We are also sending this message to our prospective students, as analytical-minded professionals are needed in a wide variety of fields. Although *Nexus* is basically in Hungarian, it also publishes reports and summaries in English, adjusting to the international trends.

Our journal chose the *Sapere Aude* Horatius quote as its motto. Referring to dare to think, or to be Master of Arts in an alternative reading, and to look ahead in the Humanities and Social Sciences, rooted in the traditions of the past, living in the present, and seeing the professional perspectives of the future.

We warmly commend the first issue of *Nexus Magazine* to the readers.

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Thank you for the cooperation and work of the institutes contact colleagues. We count on their valuable help and look forward to current news from their institutes.

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We are waiting for the publications of our future authors to Nexus@pte.hu.

