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The plethora of papers presented every year will enable the editorial board of each journal to select the best ones, and in so doing, to produce a quality academic journal. In addition to papers presented, ATINER encourages the independent submission of papers to be evaluated for publication.

The current issue of the Athens Journal of Social Sciences (AJSS) is the first issue of the seventh volume (2020). The reader will notice some changes compared with previous volumes, which I hope is an improvement. An effort has been made to include papers which fall within in one of the broad disciplines of social sciences.

This volume includes papers which their common denominator is the community from the perspective of sociology, anthropology, and ethnography. In total, four papers are included. The first paper deals with the issue of netnography and its contribution in the understanding of the social world and cultures of online communities. The second paper deals with the inclusion and integration of the Hellenic Community of Ottawa. The next paper is on contraception in Egypt. The last paper explores the wellbeing of Filipino Catholic Migrants in Taiwan.

The AJSS is truly an international journal; this is also reflected in this issue. The four papers refer to different countries and regions of the world: Italy, Canada, Egypt and Taiwan.

Gregory T. Papanikos, President  
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