

## From the Editor-in-Chief: *EWJUS*'s Growth

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**T**his issue of *East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies* features a special thematic section dedicated to the Valuev Directive of 1863. Our guest editor for this special section is Michael Moser (University of Vienna), to whom I am grateful for his careful work in organizing and soliciting contributors. The issue contains five articles and a translated document, with introduction, all aimed to assess the impact of the Valuev Directive and a subsequent draconian decree—the Ems Ukaz of 1876—on the development of the Ukrainian language, literature, and culture in the second half of the nineteenth century. In addition to this special section, the present issue contains two regular articles, one dedicated to the anarchist movement in Ukraine in the early twentieth century and the other to the grassroots initiatives in post-Euromaidan Ukraine. This issue also features a translation of Maksym Iaremenko's article on the culinary delights of the eighteenth-century church elite in the Kyiv Metropoly; his article won the Best Article Award from the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies a few years ago. Book reviews and a book review essay are also featured.

I am pleased to report that *EWJUS* continues to enjoy growth and visibility. We are now included in two databases—the Directory of Open Access Journals and the MLA Directory of Periodicals—which should facilitate the discovery of our publications. Furthermore, we have mainstreamed our copyright policies and adopted the Creative Commons-Attribution-No-derivatives-Non-commercial license. In terms of readership statistics, *EWJUS* has 614 registered users, and since my last report (volume IV, no. 1, March 2017), the journal's articles and reviews have been downloaded more than 8,000 times in over 90 countries.

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