



4th Year Report of the Belt & Road Initiative Quarterly (BRIQ)

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The Belt & Road Initiative Quarterly (BRIQ) has completed its 4th year and a half, publishing a total of 183 pieces of content across 18 issues. BRIQ has featured 100 research articles by distinguished academics from 24 countries, along with 12 book reviews and 18 interviews with experts. BRIQ approaches scientific study as an activity beneficial to humanity, advocating for a perspective that combines the mind's eye with the heart's eye. In BRIQ's publishing perspective, art, seen as the most significant transformer in the progress of humanity, extends the horizons of intellectual activity and complements scientific work. Accordingly, BRIQ's four published volumes have included 36 paintings, photographs, and cartoons from artists around the world. Poems by prominent artists from Turkey and around the world have also begun to appear in BRIQ.

Over its 18 issues in four volumes, BRIQ has published works by academics, experts, and artists from Turkey, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Iran, Syria, China, Russia, India, West Sahara, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Algeria, Palestine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Japan, Mexico, Italy, Germany, the UK, Canada, Australia, and the United States. As of the date of this report, the total number of citations of articles published in BRIQ has exceeded 160.

In keeping with the requirements of scientific publishing, BRIQ focuses on publishing original academic studies that have undergone plagiarism checks and double-blind peer review, analyzing their subjects using scientific methods. BRIQ's special issues are thematically determined based on discussions of issues, solutions, and needs from the perspective of developing countries, primarily Turkey, in an effort to understand, interpret, and change the world. These special issues cover a wide range of topics from international relations to economy, political science to history, archaeology and art history to ecology and energy, examining different aspects in various articles and creating a comprehensive unity. Interviews, book reviews, and artworks also complement this composition.

Therefore, BRIQ aims to establish itself as a global intellectual center for conducting scientific discussions on the equitable international order sought by the developing world. It also seeks to create a platform where intellectuals from Turkey, a pivotal nation in the Asian Century, can exert a significant influence.

BRIQ Expanding Its Reach

The BRIQ Board of Directors has decided to initiate the publication of the journal in electronic format not only in Turkish and English but also in Chinese, Russian, Arabic, Persian, French, and Spanish. To increase its academic visibility and expand its influence, BRIQ is enhancing its presence in more indexes and databases. Technical efforts are underway for BRIQ to join WorldCat, the world's largest bibliographic database. We are also featured on SSOAR, a platform provided by the German-based GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences that offers open access to social science literature based on the Berlin Declaration on Open Access. Furthermore, efforts are ongoing to be included in open access databases such as EBSCO, CNKI, DOAJ, OAlster, OCLC, OpenAIRE, OpenDOAR, JournalFactor, IdealOnline, and indexes like SCOPUS, Open Academic Journal Index (OAJI), Eurasian Scientific Journal Index (ESJI), and Directory of Research Journals Indexing (DRJI).

Calls for papers are now being translated into Chinese in addition to Turkish and English. Moreover, when deemed necessary for the specific topic addressed, translations into French and Spanish are being made to publish on relevant platforms in countries where these languages are spoken. To increase the number of submissions and widen the distribution network of the calls for papers, emails are sent to researchers, research centers, and NGOs working on themes relevant to the call for papers.

Collaboration with Universities from Various Countries

BRIQ's publishing partnership with Northwestern Polytechnic University (NPU), ranked among the top 25 universities in China, continues to be fruitful. With the publishing partnership agreement, Prof. Dr. Li Xi joined the Editorial Board as the Associate Editor-in-Chief, and Prof. Dr. Ruang Hongmei and Prof. Dr. Zhang Yi as members. Members from NPU, under the coordination of Associate Editor-in-Chief Prof. Dr. Li Xi, are actively involved in the publishing process. Through Prof. Dr. Li Xi, calls for papers are distributed to a broad academic audience in China.

In collaboration with İstinye University's Belt and Road Studies Center in Turkey, articles accepted outside the printed journal are published in the BRIQ Online Working Papers series.

The collaboration with Shanghai University's Turkey Research Center continues. The center's Executive Director, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yang Chen, is among the members of the BRIQ Editorial Board. Apart from his responsibilities as a board member, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yang Chen actively contributes to the publication process with his research articles. The center's Director, Prof. Dr. Guo Changgang, as a member of the BRIQ Advisory Board, significantly contributes to the journal with constructive suggestions.

Since its establishment, BRIQ has prioritized close collaboration with universities. From its first year, it has organized joint activities with various universities from Turkey and China. BRIQ is intensifying its efforts to develop direct connections with research centers at universities in different countries around the world, especially those in West Asia, in addition to Turkey and China.

BRIQ's Increasing International Activities

BRIQ's Chairman of the Board, Adnan Akfırat, and Editorial Board Coordinator, Efe Can Gürcan, attended two separate international forums in China in September. At the 16th Forum of the World Association for Political Economy (WAPE) held on Pingtan Island from September 25-27, 2023, Akfırat was elected as the Vice President of WAPE, and Gürcan as an Executive Council member. Additionally, Gürcan was awarded the "2023 Outstanding Achievement Award in Political Economy" by the WAPE. The forum, which focused on "China's Modernization and the Global Outlook of Modernization" discussed the different paths to modernization at national and global scales, contrasting China's approach to that of the West.

Akfırat and Gürcan, on September 28-29, 2023, attended the "4th International Forum on Civilization and Cultural Development" at BRIQ's Publishing Partner, Northwestern Polytechnic University (NPU) in Xi'an, where they each made presentations.

Our Editorial Board Coordinator Has Received an Award for his Contributions to Turkish-Chinese Relations

BRIQ's Editorial Board Coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Efe Can Gürcan, received an award for his contributions to Turkish-Chinese relations at the 4th Turkey-China Communication Forum organized by the China International Communication Group (CICG) in Istanbul on September 18, alongside Yunus Emre Institute President, Prof. Dr. Şeref Ateş.



New Additions to the BRIQ Editorial and Advisory Boards

As BRIQ's influence expands, so does participation in its Advisory Board. Journalist-writer Dr. Tülin Uygur from Sweden, joined BRIQ Editorial Board. In addition, in 2022, WAPE Secretary-General Ding Xiaoqin joined the BRIQ Advisory Board, and by the end of 2023, additions included the Director of the Geopolitical Economy Research Group, Professor at the University of Manitoba, Canada, Prof. Dr. Radhika Desai; the Editor of the Friends of Socialist China platform from the UK, Keith Bennett; the Secretary of the Venezuela Solidarity Campaign, Dr. Francisco Dominguez; Prof. David Laibman of the City University of New York is the honorary editor of Science&Society, a Marxist academic journal published quarterly since 1936; and from Turkey, journalist-writer Ardan Zentürk, who has approximately 50 years of experience in journalism and writing in the field of foreign policy.

BRIQ Belt and Road Initiative Quarterly Winter 2022-2023 Volume 4 Issue 1 NATO's New Frontline The Eastern Mediterranean

Author	Institution	Title	Type
Ersin Tatar	PRESIDENT OF THE TRNC	The Necessity Of Recognizing The Turkish Republic Of Northern Cyprus In Light Of The Latest Developments In The Eastern Mediterranean	Perspective Piece
Fahri Erenel	Retired Brigadier General İstinye University Assoc. Dr.	Türkiye, Russia And China Should Cooperate Against US Encirclement	Interview
Konstantin Sivkov	Russian Federation, Retired Admiral Dr.	Us Build-Up In Greece Targets Both Türkiye And Russia	Interview
Sun Degang Ve Zhang Jieying	Fudan University, Shanghai, China	China's Proposal For The Eastern Mediterranean Conflict Resolution: A "Developmental Peace"	Peer - Reviewed Research Article
Halil Özseraç	Retired Turkish Navy Staff Captain	The Challenge Of The Karaman Sea (Eastern Mediterranean) Through The Defense Expenditure Equation Of Türkiye, Egypt And Greece	Peer-Reviewed Review Article
Mohamad Zreik Ve Zhao Changfeng	Central China Normal University	Chinese Presence In The Eastern Mediterranean: Evidence From Syria	Peer-Reviewed Review Article
Bu Su	Shanghai University	The Belt & Road Initiative: New Driving Force For Regionalisation And Globalisation	Book Review
A.Kadir Ekinci	Ankara Photography Artists Association	The Silent Light	Photograph



Muharrem Pire	Painter	Blue Homeland	Painting
Luo Jie	Modern Artist	The Culture Of Guns	Cartoon

BRIQ Belt and Road Initiative Quarterly Spring 2023 Volume 4 Issue 2
Transforming the Mediterranean into a Sea of Peace and Development The Belt & Road Alternative

Author	Institution	Title	Type
Ziad Ayoub Arbache ve Bassam Abu Abdullah	Phd, Assistant Prof. Damascus University And Head Of The Ba'ath Party's Central Party School	Promoting A New Path Of Economic Policy For Regional Cooperation In The Middle East	Peer-Reviewed Review Article
Elif Erkeç	Master's Student Shanghai University	Reflections Of Türkiye-Greece Tension In The Sea Of Islands On The Eastern Mediterranean Regional Security Complex	Peer-Reviewed Review Article
Smail Debeche	University Of Algiers III Prof.Dr.	Türkiye, Algeria, Syria, Libya And Egypt Should Form A Strategic Alliance Against The US Mediterranean Aggression	Interview
Xi Jinping	President Of The People's Republic Of China	China Is Committed To Enhancing Friendship And Co-Operation Based On The "Five Principles Of Peaceful Coexistence"	Conference Speech
Ye Zhangxu	Shanghai University Phd Candidate	Cooperation Between China And Eastern Mediterranean Countries In The Context Of The Belt And Road Initiative: Opportunities And Challenges	Peer-Reviewed Review Article
Fabrizio Verde	Journalist	Italy And The BRICS Alternative	Perspective Piece
Dominik Pietzcker	Macromedia University Of Applied Sciences	The Lost Global Balance	Book Review



Zhang Lili	, Shaanxi Normal University	The Silk Road On The National Card: Just Like Rainbows Over The Silk Road, The Stamps Are Messages Of Friendship	Book Review
Yevgeniy Haldey	Photographer	Football Fans	Photograph
Semyon Pavlov	Painter	Donbass Salt Mine	Painting
Abrar Sabbah	Animation And Graphic Artist	We Will Rise Again	Cartoon

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NATO's Enlargement and the Future of Security Cooperation in a Multipolar World

Author	Institution	Title	Type
Fahri Erenel ve Ahmet Gedik	Istinye University Dr. and Istanbul University PhD Candidate	Is Brain-Dead NATO Near Euthanasia?	Peer-Reviewed Review Article
Igor Korotçenko	Editor-in-Chief of the magazine National Defense	Türkiye-Russia cooperation determines the course of developments in Eurasia	Interview
Yi Shaoxuan ve Yang Chen	Shanghai University	China-NATO Relations: History and Reality	Peer-Reviewed Review Article
Emin Gürses	Prof. Dr. Sakarya University Yeditepe University	NATO: From Control of the Western Territorial Line to Control of the Wider International Territory	Peer-Reviewed Review Article
Akmaral Batalova	International Relations Expert	The objectives of the Organization of Turkic States, Russia and China are not at odds	Interview
Digby James Wren	Dr. International Relations Institute of Cambodia Royal Academy of Cambodia	An Unconventional Reading of China's Foreign Economic Policy: A Phase of Fluidity and Transformation	Peer-Reviewed Review Article



Ramzy Baroud	Journalist-Writer, Palestine	A 'New Era 'in the New Middle East: China, Russia and the Reinvention of the South	Perspective Piece
Dmitry Bulin	Artist	To Bell the Cat	Photograph
Nizar Sabur	Painter	War. Blood Stain.	Painting
Robert Minor	Cartoonist and Journalist	On the International Slave Plantation	Cartoon

**BRIQ Belt and Road Initiative Quarterly Autumn 2023 Volume 4 Issue 4
Centennial Legacy of the Kemalist Revolution for the Developing World**

Yazarlar	Unvan/Kurum	Eser adı	Eser Türü
Cüneyt Akalın	Prof.Dr.	Turkish Revolution That Shook The World	Peer-Reviewed Review Article
H. Şule Perinçek	The Editor-In-Chief Of Atatürk'ün Bütün Eserleri (Collected Works Of Atatürk)	The Kemalist Revolution And Asia	Perspective Piece
Aleksandr Sotniçenko	Director Of The Russian House Of Culture	The Atatürk Model: An Inspirational Achievement In Independence And Development	Interview
Necati Demircan & Ye Zhangxu	Shanghai University	An Analysis On Cai Hesen's Türkiye Writings	Peer-Reviewed Research Article
Mohammad Basir-Ul- Haq Sinha	Journalist - Writer	Nationalism Within The Ummah A Discussion Of Atatürk In The Works Of Kazi Nazrul Islam	Peer Reviewed Review Article
Ogasawara Hiroyuki	Japanese Turkish History Expert	The Turkish National Struggle Inspires The Japanese As Well	Interview
Mevlânâ Celâleddin Rûmî	Great Poet	Guest	Poem



Aşık Veysel	Great Folk Poet	If This Love Did Not Exist	Poem
Hüseyin Haydar	Poet	EASTERN TABLETS Ninety-Ninth Tablet, Ata	Poem
RGALİ	Russian State Archive Of Literature And Art	Celebrating The 10th Anniversary Of The Republic	Photograph
Avni Arbaş	Painter	Mustafa Kemal On The Horse	Painting
Krokodil	Humor-Cartoon Magazine	The Dethroning Of The Sultan By The Decision Of The Grand National Assembly Of Türkiye	Cartoon

