Editorial

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With nearly three decades of history behind us, and one volume short of thirty, SLOVO closes in on another successful year. We continue to deliver on our promise to maintain a fresh view on the interdisciplinary regional affairs of Russia, East & Central Europe and Eurasia. In view of the recent raptures surrounding the futures of the Central European University in Budapest and the European University at St. Petersburg, I dedicate this issue to our friends and colleagues at those institutions, which continue the daily fight for academic freedom and dignity.

This issue opens with Nadège Mariotti’s study into the evolution and processes of instrumentalisation of the memory of A. G. Stakhanov’s record mining achievements, through the unraveling of Gaumont Pathé’s rich archives. Following from this, Andreea Mironescu takes us on a journey of remembering the Armenian Genocide with Varujan Vosganian’s ‘The Book of Whispers’, correlating with the upcoming publishing of the book’s English translation. In the final article of this issue, Türkan Ölcay shares the enticing story of the life and work of the first Russian female orientalist, Madame Gülnar, with a visual supplement for the enjoyment of our readers. We have also included the translations of two flash fiction stories by Irina Luk’ianova as provided by Genevieve Silk and Cüshla Silk. The issue concludes with a book review of ‘The New Russian Nationalism: Imperialism, Ethnicity and Authoritarianism 2000-2015’ by Rachael Horwitz.

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