Editorial

Dear Readers,
With this inaugural issue, we are happy to launch a new, open-access, peer-reviewed journal *New Horizons in English Studies.* The journal will be published annually and will focus primarily on scholarship by undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students.

The idea of the journal was conceived of following the success of the *Students' Corner: Language, Literature and Culture* conference series, organized by the Students' Association at the Department of English Studies at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland, since 2015. Since then, *Students' Corner* has developed into a well-recognized venue for young prospective scholars in Poland, providing them with a platform for presenting their work to a larger audience and thus taking their first steps in their academic careers.

In order to help these young researchers obtain a more complete academic experience, the Staff of the MCSU English Department have decided to launch a journal based initially on the papers delivered at *Students' Corner* conferences, but in the future aiming to publish original submissions from both students and academics. The title of the journal evokes the rich range of meanings of what constitutes the new, innovative and cutting-edge vision and design of English Studies in the realms of language, literature, and culture. Our objective, as the Board of Editors, is therefore to reflect on this broad range of meanings and disseminate research that orients itself towards the "new horizons" across our field(s).

We hope that *New Horizons in English Studies* will reach a greater international visibility in the coming years. We thank our contributors, editors and reviewers for their work and support. On behalf of the Editorial Board we would like to encourage our readers to consider the journal as a venue for publication. Calls for Papers will be announced on the journal's website.

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