

Editorial

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I am pleased to introduce the Autumn issue of SLOVO (Volume 32), the peer-reviewed academic journal managed and edited by the postgraduate students at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at UCL. The issue comprises of articles covering Central Europe and Russia, which have been selected by SLOVO's Editorial Board and were subject to a rigorous peer-review process.

The issue opens with Laura Royer's extremely interesting work, examining the Hungarian foreign policy strategy directed at Hungarian minorities abroad, termed as the 'nation policy'. The author attempts to analyse the outcomes, challenges and limits of this strategy. After that, the second article, written by Mikael Zakharov, takes the reader into twentieth century Russia and explores the impact of the blockade of Leningrad on the mental and physical experience of children. Drawing upon diaries and memoirs, he shows how the children who lived through the siege of Leningrad were forced to step into adulthood ahead of their time. Following the research articles, the book reviews segment includes Shafag Dadashova's review on *Days in the Caucasus* by Banine published by the Pushkin Press in 2019 and Megan Palmer's review on *My Life as a Spy: Investigations in a Police File* by Katherine Verdery published by the Duke University Press in 2018.

The completion of this issue was only possible thanks to the commitment of the 2018-2019 Editorial Board members: Managing Editors, Deborah Sutton and Anastasia Agafonova; Film Review Editor, Isabel Jacobs; Book Review Editors, Oliver Banatvala and Elizabeth Woods; General Editors, Joseph Graham and Jakub Ruzsycznyk; and PR Manager Stanca Oproiu. Also, I would like to express my gratitude to the academic supervisor of our journal, Dr Sergei Bogatyrev, who had been extremely supportive throughout the whole process, and the peer-reviewers who have collaborated with us and helped ensure the high quality of the journal is maintained. Finally, I should mention that for the next academic year, the Editorial Board of SLOVO will have the new members and a new Executive Editor. I would like to wish all of them the best of luck and success.

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