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Editor-in-Chief's Foreword

Dear readers and fellow seekers of new knowledge,

I have been entrusted by Heritage & Partners LLP with the leadership of GIRN – the Global Insights Research Network, a new international academic journal. The name, and particularly its acronym, reflects our mission: to observe and interpret the changes shaping the world today across various domains of society and individual experience.

It is with pleasure that I have accepted the role of editor-in-chief. While this is not my first involvement in launching a scholarly journal, it is the first time I take on the responsibilities of a managing editor. Together with a dynamic team of early-career editors, we have worked to assemble this inaugural issue, composed largely – though not exclusively – of contributions by doctoral candidates from Euro-

pean universities. I am confident that this is just the beginning, and that more emerging scholars will soon join us.

Young researchers enjoy a distinct advantage: they have grown up in a world where digital tools and platforms are second nature. They make full use of online databases, libraries, and research networks. Yet many remain committed to traditional principles of scholarship – ad fontes – and return to printed sources, archives, and bibliographic foundations. Their dual orientation is visible in their research practices and citation habits.

As with any serious academic journal, we uphold clear citation standards – though we remain flexible in accommodating closely related systems, where function and clarity allow. All contributing authors have provided their ORCID identifiers to ensure transparency. Each article has undergone double-blind peer review, with independent reviewers selected by our editorial board for their subject-matter expertise.

And so, it is with great enthusiasm that we now introduce the contents of our first issue – an issue that ranges broadly in theme and method, from geopolitics and political philosophy to literary and semantic.