

## Editor's Note

AGLOS Journal (Journal of Area-Based Global Studies) has enjoyed tremendous success over the last three years. It started as an endeavor to establish a new e-journal for students and young scholars studying in the Graduate School of Global Studies at Sophia University. Since then, AGLOS has attracted first-rate student scholarship from a variety of disciplinary as well as interdisciplinary perspectives in the area of global studies. The number of submissions has steadily increased over the years, and fine articles have been published.

The growing attention given to AGLOS both within and outside of Sophia University has led us to adopt two innovative measures to enrich the content of AGLOS. First, we have introduced special issues into AGLOS. As a demand-based publication flexibly published year round, a special issue features a collection of timely and fresh research results on certain research topics. Special issues serve as a medium for students and researchers in professional positions who wish to have swift academic publication of their scholarly effort at symposiums and workshops.

Second, we have started to incorporate contributions from outside Sophia University. Increasing calls to open AGLOS to the greater academic community have encouraged us to create a route explicitly for submissions from diverse writers. While this transition is still in its initial phase, we have already witnessed signs of change, as evidenced by the comments given to the AGLOS editorial board by renowned scholars as well as by pledges to contribute from researchers affiliated with other institutions. We believe this new direction will enrich the quality and content of AGLOS, thus furthering intellectual exchange among scholars in different fields.

The caliber of a journal can be measured only by the quality of papers it publishes and the respect it is accorded by readers. AGLOS has earned the respect of young researchers as a distinguished student-centered medium for publishing their research results. We are committed to developing a high standard for this journal, working together with a host of scholars and specialists both as referees and consulting members. We hope AGLOS will continue to enjoy its success and serve as a platform on which young scholars may hone their research skills, and thus enrich their dialogue with fellow scholars and researchers both within and beyond Sophia University.

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