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New Year, Old Alphabets, New Hopes

We are delighted to introduce this Issue 2, Volume 7 of *English Studies at NBU*! It features articles on linguistics, literature, and language policy offering a good read in the holiday season.

As always, our considerable appreciation goes to all our colleagues whose generous contributions of time and effort have made this issue of ESNBU possible.

Let us hope that next year people will be taking Greek alphabet crash courses for reasons other than learning a new name of a "variant of concern."

Stay safe in the New Year!

Greetings!

Going on … our metrics now include the scite_ API. Scite Inc. is a platform for discovering and evaluating scientific articles via Smart Citations which allow users to see how a publication has been cited by providing the context of the citation and a classification describing whether it provides 'supporting' or 'contrasting' evidence for the cited claim, or just 'mentioning' the source. It also features the *scite Index* for journals and institutions which measures how supported publications from a journal or an institution are, and is calculated using the following formula (for 2-year, 5-year, or a lifetime period):

$$\text{SJI} = [(\#supporting) / (\#supporting + \#contrasting)]$$

See how ESNBU is performing.

And keep those manuscripts coming!

Cheers and Happy 2022!