

Editorial

Recent developments in the information and communication technologies and globalization brought about unexpected changes in countries' socio-cultural, economic and political systems. Some of these changes have had negative impacts on several other areas and educational systems are no exceptions for that. Many countries have chosen to compare and contrast the developments within their countries to those of other countries and those who are not satisfied with their current situation have been criticizing their educational systems to bear the responsibility. In recent years, students, especially studying at the higher educational institutions, have started to demonstrate against their countries' educational policies. As a result of these, countries have been obliged to bring radical changes in improving and equipping the infrastructure of the educational institutions, educational programs, teacher education policies, and testing and measurement systems by starting restructuring initiatives in their educational systems.

EJER organized the First International Eurasian Educational Research Congress on 24 -26

April 2014 at Istanbul University. The theme of the congress was "*Rethinking Education: Issues and Solutions*". This congress aimed at being the ground of a forum to discuss what needs to be done for high quality education for all and possible issues and solutions. This special issue "*Recent Trends in Education with Special Reference to Turkey*" covers the high quality papers submitted to Ejercongress2014 in the field of educational research.

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We expect that manuscript published in this special issue will help educationalist and researchers who are trying to find out solutions to the specific problems they face in different educational cultural settings in the future.

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