

Note from the outgoing editor

In April 2025, I resigned from the Department of Economics and Management of the University of Pisa to continue my work as a professor at Beijing Normal University, on the Zhuhai campus (Guangdong, China).

Since *Scienza e Pace*/Science and Peace is published by the Interdisciplinary Centre for Peace Studies at the University of Pisa, it seemed logical to also resign from my position as editor of the journal, a position which I had held since December 2016.

The choice fell on Prof. Leonardo Pasquali, to whom I offer my most sincere congratulations, together with my warm wishes for his work.

During my years as editor of the journal, some encouraging results were achieved, first and foremost the recognition by the Italian ANVUR of *Scienza e Pace*/Science and Peace as a scientific journal for Area 12 (Legal Sciences) and Area 13 (Economic and Statistical Sciences).

Unfortunately, however, these results have not been matched by an increase in unsolicited submissions of articles, a situation that we have tried to remedy by organizing scientific meetings and inviting submissions of scientific papers on specific topics edited by guest editors who are experts in the relevant fields of study.

I am certain that the new editor will be able to identify ways to increase the visibility and appeal of the journal, including its indexing in the main national and international databases (unfortunately, various obstacles prevented this during my direction) and its recognition, in Italy, as a Category A journal in those scientific and disciplinary fields where this is an achievable goal.

I am taking this opportunity to thank the former Editorial Secretary, Dr. Federico Oliveri, for the great work he has done for the journal, despite his many other commitments.

I take my leave, gladly accepting Prof. Pasquali's invitation to join the journal's Editorial Board, confident that under his leadership, assisted by the new Editorial Secretary, Dr. Matteo Del Chicca, *Scienza e Pace*/Science and Peace will gain increasing recognition

on the national and international scene of journals dedicated to peace studies, at a time when there is a greater need than ever for the critical input and contribution to moderation and reflection that the sciences for peace can provide.

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