

Dear followers of AIDASCO,

With this new regular issue of AIDASCO Reviews, we continue our commitment to encouraging open, high-quality, and inclusive scientific dialogue across disciplinary boundaries. This issue is devoted to the theme *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Global Challenges*, reflecting the growing recognition that many of today's most urgent problems cannot be adequately addressed within the confines of a single field. Alongside our regular issues, the journal is also expanding through focused special issues, further strengthening its role as a platform for timely and community-driven scientific exchange.

At the same time, this issue marks the conclusion of a year that will, in Serbia, be remembered as historic. The challenges faced during this exceptionally difficult period have emphasized the critical role of the academic community in society. In particular, the student movement has demonstrated remarkable courage and responsibility, taking the future into its own hands and standing firmly for the right to live in a society free from corruption. Their engagement serves as a powerful reminder that scientific inquiry, education, and civic responsibility are deeply interconnected.



The *AIDASCO Reviews* editorial team will also remember this year as a period of substantial growth, marked by the introduction of special issues as a new publication format. Most recently, we published our first special issue dedicated entirely to the CONNECT 2025 conference, held in Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina. CONNECT 2025 brought together students and early-career researchers from the Western Balkans with international partners, creating an essential space for interdisciplinary exchange, dialogue, and academic development.

With its strong emphasis on student participation, openness, and regional cooperation within a broader European research context, the conference closely aligns with the mission of *AIDASCO Reviews* to support inclusive scientific communication and to empower the next generation of researchers.

As we close this issue and the year it represents, *AIDASCO Reviews* reaffirms its dedication to interdisciplinary scholarship, student engagement, and open scientific communication. We look forward to further regular and special issues that reflect both the scientific challenges of our time and the academic communities working to address them.

Regards from the AIDASCO team

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