

FOREWORD

The fourth volume of the *Journal for German and Scandinavian Studies* (2024) includes a diverse selection of academic papers on topics related to the languages, literatures, and cultures of the German-speaking countries and the Nordics, presented in German, Swedish, English, and Bulgarian. The authors in the volume are both established and emerging scholars from various academic institutions in Bulgaria and abroad.

In addition to the academic articles – organised into the sections “Linguistics,” “Literary Studies,” and “Cultural and Country Studies” – this volume also features texts created as part of student projects and translations by students and alumni from the Department of German and Scandinavian Studies at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski. This includes prize-winning entries from various student competitions, all of which are compiled in the sections “Translations of Prose and Poetry,” “Award-Winning Texts from University and School Student Competitions” and “Student Projects.”

We hope that with this year’s volume, the *Journal for German and Scandinavian Studies* will continue to establish itself as a platform for active exchange of scholarly knowledge in the fields of German and Scandinavian Studies in Southeastern Europe. We extend our thanks to the contributors to this volume and to everyone who supported its realisation. Enjoy your reading!

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