

# *Preface*

With the proceedings of the 5th edition of the “Broadening Horizons” Conference we have the pleasure to open the monograph series of the electronic journal “West & East” to the publication of international congresses and workshops whose topics fall within the main themes covered by the journal (for a presentation see <https://www.openstarts.units.it/handle/10077/10886>). We believe that West & East, although a mere youngster compared to other more renowned and prestigious journals, offers an appropriate (perhaps even ideal!) base for the promotion and diffusion of – in particular, though not only – the work of early career researchers. Thanks to the possibility of publishing with a “Gold Open Access” policy – i.e. immediate access to the articles or other features that can be downloaded from the website of the publisher EUT – and adhesion to the international rules of high quality standards for academic work – double peer review (which for West & East is also blind, i.e. the reviewers do not know who the author is) – we think that West & East is a scholarly journal well qualified to publish work that makes a significant contribution to the advancement of archaeological research in the Mediterranean basin and the Levant/Near East. The three volumes of the “Broadening Horizons” Proceedings undoubtedly belong to this category, and their publication opens the journal to stimulating future developments.

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