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It takes great courage and strength for a nation to withstand the social upheaval, the health risks, and the complex communications required to affect positive change that supports a people's vision of their country and culture. Such is the case of Ukraine and the Euromaidan. With a clear purpose and destiny to remain independent, Ukrainians have and continue to bring a voice to government, to negotiate their country's mission for autonomy and independence, and to exercise patience and wisdom in order to successfully achieve this goal. It is the unwavering loyalty that supports those who believe in the right to rule independently within their borders and who believe that it is their responsibility to protect and preserve Ukraine's identity, place, and voice within the international landscape. Ukraine has and continues to be faced with extraordinary decisions that ultimately will change their destiny as a nation.

To understand how a nation affects change at a time when everything is changing, an individual and a nation begins this change with the process of awareness, which is driven by need, which is founded through the process of historical events leading to this one event—Euromaidan. Since November 2013, the world has witnessed the exchange of words and weapons between Ukraine and Russia that is unparalleled. Nations across the globe have watched events unfold, beginning with the Euromaidan. The indelible images of a nation with the determination to voice its concerns and issues to government has shown how a people in crisis have chosen to remain stalwart and steadfast in their decision to act with dignity and respect. In the case of civil strife, Ukraine has shown transparency and creativity in its goal to resolve the issues within Ukraine and with Russia.

The authors in the inaugural issue of *Social, Health, and Communication Studies Journal: A case of Euromaidan Volume 1*, Number 1 2014 are cognizant of how words and weapons can change the relationships between nations, between cultures, and between individuals. They have observed, experienced, engaged, and have been the recipient of the change that is occurring in Ukraine and that began with the Euromaidan. I encourage you to read, contemplate, deliberate, and understand the case of Ukraine and the Euromaidan through the perspectives and lens of these authors.

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