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Two years ago, Gazeta embarked on a mission to amplify student voices in academia by creating an inclusive platform for bold, yet discerning, perspectives throughout its publications. In response to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Gazeta has made a conscious effort to diversify its content with more attention and focus being placed on the wider Russian, Eastern European, Eurasian (REEE) region. This is both as part of the broader effort to decolonize academia and literature as well as to highlight the truly diverse set of peoples and cultures present across this region.

Two years and eight editions later, comprising dozens of unique perspectives and voices, Gazeta continues to serve as an important platform for those within our community who wish to make their own mark and perspective on all things REEE related. After two years, Gazeta also finds itself with two new editors in chief, Sierra and I, who have taken up the torch from previous editors Juho and Anna. To say we have big shoes or perhaps in the case of Gazeta, big pages to fill is an understatement. Nonetheless,

we hope to continue to build upon and develop Gazeta based on the original ideas it was founded on.

With two years of Gazeta, however, also comes two years since the beginning of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. For those of us who attended the candle lighting ceremony in Senate Square on February 24th, the mood could only be described as solemn, yet lingering symbols of hope and resistance remained present. With that in mind, we're proud to present the theme for the first edition of 2024: Resilience.

As with previous editions, we turned once more to our community and asked them what stories and ideas reflected resilience to them. To say the response was enthusiastic would be an understatement, and we're truly proud to present an incredibly diverse range of perspectives and voices. To our writers, designers and all those that contributed to make this first edition possible, we offer our extreme thanks and gratitude. For now, find yourself a comfortable reading spot and enjoy a selection of thought-provoking pieces.