

Presentation

Filosofia Unisinos – Unisinos Journal of Philosophy (UJP) is entering a new phase with this first issue of 2016, and we are proud of what we able to offer to you, our reader, as well as the wider philosophical community. From cosmetic improvements, such as the new logo and layout, to the enrichment of the Journal's content with the debut of the new section, Philosophy South, there is much to celebrate and many people to thank.

I start by thanking Nelida Gentile and Paul Bakker, who have advised us on the editorial board for the last four years and have helped us keep our compass pointing towards excellence. We are deeply grateful for their guidance during this period.

For the next period, four new advisers will be incorporated into the editorial board, namely: Prof. Dr. Rodolfo Gaeta, from the University of Buenos Aires, Prof. Dr. Susan Haack, from the University of Miami, Prof. Dr. David Copp, from UCLA at Davis, and Prof. Dr. Barry Smith, from the School of Advanced Study of the University of London. They all know UJP very well and have contributed to the journal in the past, be it with papers we have invited them to published, or by helping us to develop the journal to improve its international penetration. David Copp and Barry Smith did both. David was one of the first to support the idea of focusing on short papers. He, together with Marina Oshana and Adam Sennet, took part in a colloquium I organized to discuss the future of UJP, where we really started the Philosophy South project, by then still nameless. The name came after a cheerful conversation with Barry overlooking the British Museum at the Institute of Philosophy at the SAS, where we spoke about the idea of a journal in the south of Brazil, south of America, and south of the world, but oriented towards all three. Barry eventually suggested the name and I embraced it enthusiastically.

The editorial board of UJP is, therefore, now composed of one adviser from Europe, and four from the Americas— two from the north and two from the south, since Osvaldo Giacoia Jr., from Unicamp, will still remain on the board. Thank you all for walking the path with us to improve the north–south philosophical dialogue.

In order to make the new section even more attractive to contributors, when last year we issued the first call for papers to Philosophy South we did so with a prize. We would give 300,00 USD to the best contribution for each of the first three issues of 2016. The quality of the contributions received made it hard to reach a decision. Susan Haack, David Copp, and Barry Smith were the final judges of the contest. They elected the best of three papers we had previously selected from the submissions accepted for this issue. After careful comparison, the winner of the first issue is Brian Ball, with the paper "Knowledge, Safety, and Questions." Congratulations to Brian and many thanks to the three judges who will also pick the best paper for the next two issues. Besides the text from Ball, who is from UK, three other short papers have been accepted— one from a researcher based in Brazil, and two others from researchers based respectively in Argentina and Russia.

Another feature we will incorporate into the UJP in the next issue is a section dedicated to Dossiers on any topic of interest for philosophers. We are open to proposals for at least three papers on well-delimited subjects. Once the proposal is accepted, the proponent will organize the contributions and provide an introduction to the debate. We will start with a dossier on the Philosophy of Psychiatry. Thus, beside the ordinary sections dedicated to longer papers written in English, Spanish, or Portuguese, we now have a section dedicated to short papers written in English only, a section for dossiers, and two other sections, one for translations into Portuguese, and one for book reviews.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank Caroline Santilli and Bruna Bergamo of the UJP's editorial office for their restless support, and to announce that from this issue onwards, Eduardo Vicentini de Medeiros will be the Assistant Editor of the journal. I thank him for his enthusiasm with the project and for the great job he has already done helping me to prepare the present issue. I wish you all a pleasant and enlightening lecture!

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Editor