

Presentation

The philosophy of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries is the dominant theme of the article section of the first issue of *Filosofia Unisinos – Unisinos Journal of Philosophy* (UJP) of 2017, Volume 18. Three of the five articles herein discuss some exegetic aspects of the philosophies of Descartes and Voltaire. The other two articles discuss, respectively, Grice's model of meaning analysis as applied to understanding Bullshit, a topic first brought to philosophical attention by H. Frankfurt, and a defense of Expressivism as an alternative to descriptivism as the semantic of mental ascription. In the Philosophy South section, two short papers discuss, in very different although equally appealing styles, Aristotle's ideas on dialectic and contingent future. One is an elegant example of philosophical prose, while the other is an imaginative dialogue between Achilles and the Tortoise on logical aspects of a future event's truth.

They are the first candidates for the Philosophy South prize 2017. As we announced in our last issue, annually we will be awarding a US\$500 (five hundred dollar) prize to the best short paper published in the Philosophy South section of a volume.

We have now completed the renewal of our editorial board. I would like to give very warm thanks to Prof. Dr. O. Giacóia, from Unicamp, for having supported our editorial work with his expertise for the last four years. And I welcome Prof. Dr. Lucas Angioni, also from Unicamp, who is joining the group from this issue on. Angioni is an expert in ancient philosophy, and together with Susan Haack, Rodolfo Gaeta, David Copp and Barry Smith, he will help us improve the quality of the editorial work we undertake at the journal.

There are changes to the scientific board to be announced as well. While I have to welcome Prof. Dr. Denis Coitinho and Prof. Dr. Sofia Stein, both from Unisinos, I thank Prof. Dr. J.N. Heck, from UFG, Prof. M. Araújo, from UFC, and Prof. Dr. Cirne Lima, from Unisinos, for the work they have done with us. We will continue to make adjustments to the scientific board in the future, in order to make it more philosophically and regionally diverse.

You, our readers and authors, can also help us to continue growing and improving UJP by sending us comments on any aspect that you think could enhance your experience with the journal. You can reach us at the following e-mail address: periodicos@unisinos.br

I want to thank the UJP team, Eduardo Vicentini, my assistant editor, and Caroline Santilli for their good work, and I wish you all a pleasant reading.

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