

# Presentation

Questions on the philosophy of mind, epistemology, political philosophy and history of logic are themes of the article section of this issue of *Filosofia Unisinos – Unisinos Journal of Philosophy* (UJP). A dossier on political philosophy in the Second Scholastic, an Ibero-American philosophical movement that took place between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, enriches the issue. As pointed by Prof. Dr. Alfredo Culleton, the dossier organizer, “The philosophical-theological-juridical thought developed in the Iberian Peninsula and in the Americas during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, related to subjects such as Black Slavery, Dominion-property, Freedom of conscience, Sovereignty, Restitution, Right of people, Fair Price and Universalization of values, was singular in terms of quantity, quality and systematicity”. Nevertheless, the Ibero-American Scholastic is poorly known both in Ibero-America and in Europe not to say elsewhere in other continents. The dossier is a qualified opportunity to discover the richness of that intellectual movement and to learn what it can teach us today. Any similarities between the themes from then and today are not mere coincidence.

In the short section paper, Philosophy South, from a fairly abundant submission wave triggered by our fast track call for papers in November last year, six papers were selected. Together with the two other published in the first issue of the year, they have disputed the prize for the best paper in the section of the year. The winner will be announced in our next issue (volume 19, issue 1).

At last and making the debut of an Interview section, Prof. Dr. Luiz Rohden brings Dennis Schmidt to words on his conception of philosophical hermeneutics. We will be glad to receive more interview submissions.

With this issue, *UJP* eighteenth, we are also closing the three-year transition period started in early 2015. During this period, the journal design was redefined, new submission rules added, the editorial board renewed and new sections created, being Philosophy South the most relevant for the main goal we have set for the journal, namely, to become an international journal based in Brazil. *UJP* new editorial project is fully consolidated, and we are looking forward to our next challenge: improve the journal's impact on the international Philosophical community. We count on our readers, authors, and referrers to cope with that task.

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Have a pleasant reading.

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