

Presentation

I start this presentation to this first number of 2018 by disclosing the winner of the Philosophy South prize 2017, our prize for the best paper published in the short paper section of *Filosofia Unisinos – Unisinos Journal of Philosophy* (UJP). This time, there is not a winner, but two! Prof. Dr. Wilson Mendonça, from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), will share the US\$500 (five hundred dollars) prize with Dr. Danilo Fraga Dantas, from the University of California, Davis. Congratulations to them both! “Dreier on the supervenience argument against robust realism,” by Professor Mendonça, is a fairly competent contribution to the literature on the moral realism duel, while “No rationality through brute-force” is an exciting, although somewhat technical, discussion of models for rationality in the epistemological context of finite creatures, namely, us, humans. The papers are excellent examples that relevant contributions to actual philosophical debates can be made with fewer words than one should expect, as long as they are put together with a sharp sense of arguing, precisely what Philosophy South stands for.

To the prize committee, Prof. Susan Haack (University of Miami), Prof. David Coop (University of California, Davis), Prof. Barry Smith (University of London) and Prof. Rodolfo Gaeta (University of Buenos Aires), our best thanks for the careful and fair job they have done pointing and justifying their ranking. In the last year, we have had a sustainable number of contributions to the section, from which we have published eight papers. We also kindly thank to all that have submitted their short works to us.

As for this number, we are bringing to our audience four articles, reaching from the philosophy of emotions, metaphysics, philosophy of mind and to political philosophy. In the Philosophy South section, there is a paper on a defense of Paul Ricoeur’s contribution to the philosophy of mind. And closing this issue, we are publishing a dossier on mental time travel and moral agency, whose articles were presented in a preliminary version at a workshop hosted by Dr. Eduardo Vicentini at Unisinos University in 2017. Under his coordination, a group of young scholars based in Brazil, New Zealand and Italy gathered physically and virtually to scrutinize the impact of new approaches on time and memory to the traditional problem of personal identity and its corollary moral agency. Vicentini, who is also the dossier organizer, has outlined well the interdisciplinary challenge of the theme. “Very few areas of contemporary philosophy presuppose an interdisciplinary work so thorny and toilsome as the philosophy of memory... The contributions for the dossier attest the interdisciplinary mood in that ongoing investigation, its very different perspectives, and some of the conceptual doubts and critical views on the use of the concept of mental time travel in the discussions on the functional architecture of episodic memory.”

Finally, I would like to share some good news on the progress of UJP’s impact on the international Philosophical community, which is the goal we have set for the journal in the years ahead. In 2017, UJP reached its best result on the SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) indicator ever. For you, our reader and contributor, to better understand what that result means, I quote the site explanation of the indicator: “SJR is a measure of scientific influence of journals that accounts for both the number of citations received by a journal and the importance or prestige of the journals where such citations come from it measures the scientific influence of the average article in a journal, it expresses how central to the global scientific discussion an average article of the journal is”. UJP profile can be found as *Filosofia Unisinos* (the source’s main title) at www.scimagojr.com

With an SJR of 0.110 and an H index 2, UJP is now ranked back in Q3 of SJR indicator, which goes from Q1, top journals, to Q4, and among the best ten philosophy journals in Latin America, along with only two other Brazilian journals. It is a result we are proud of and which

we owe to those who published in the journal and those who use it for developing their research. I have also to thank UJP team, Dr. Eduardo Vicentini, the assistant editor, to Caroline Santilli, secretary and Tainá Diniz copy desk personnel. Thank you all very much.

Keep helping us to improve the journal. For questions, comments, and suggestions, please contact us at periodicos@unisinis.br

Have a fruitful reading.

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