

Presentation

We get to the third issue of the volume 12 (2011) with the selection of 6 excellent articles in diverse fields and backgrounds. Half of them are brilliant examples of the high level of the philosophy that is developed in Brazil. These are the articles of João Henrique Roriz (Universidade de São Paulo) under the title *Politics as a continuation of liberty: Hannah Arendt and her critique of liberal democracy*. Even when democracy is an issue of major importance for philosophy and highly relevant to the fragile political structure of most of Latin American countries, it is difficult to find appropriate critical thinking on this matter. The other Brazilian article *On remembering and forgetting: The question of memory in Augustine, Nietzsche, and Freud* belongs to Rogério Almeida (Universidade Católica do Paraná). In this text he aims to analyze and emphasize the astonishing coincidence of insights that characterize the theories of Augustine of Hippo, F. Nietzsche, and S. Freud regarding the question of memory and forgetfulness. The third one belongs to Erick Calheiros de Lima (Universidade de Brasília), *On Language and consciousness development in young Hegel*. A very interesting article where the author analyzes the way Hegel creates a linguistic structure of cognition within the context of social processes of consciousness development.

We also have two articles written in Spanish from other Latin American countries, Uruguay and Chile. The first of them is written by Ricardo Navia (Universidad de la Republica), *What's new in the anti-skeptical argument of D. Davidson*, where he makes three objections to Davidson's anti-skeptical arguments. It is a really good discussion about the theme. The other one belongs to Ignacio Uribe (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso), *On Hermann Usener and the art of naming in Walter Benjamin*. He uses Usener's support to explain the origin of Benjamin's concept of allegory.

Nihai Rusu (University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania) on his article *Essentialism, reference and the necessary A Posteriori*, questions the consistency of Kripke's notion of a posteriori necessity and shows that all purported examples of necessary a posteriori truth are in principle amenable to a *a priori* knowledge. The relevance of the notion of epistemic modality is also put in doubt, at least in a realist framework.

As usual, we also offer to our reader four very good book reviews on what's new in Brazilian philosophical publishers.

We reinforce the purpose of making our journal more accessible to the universe of researchers in philosophy all over and pave the way for those who want to publish in it. This way we are privileging English language in the structure and in the submission process. According to the same editorial line, it will have priority, in order of publication, accepted papers written in English. With this, we hope to make more accessible to the international philosophical community the excellence developed in Brazilian philosophical academy, as well as facilitate the interaction in the philosophical debate that occurs worldwide, usually in English. We reinforce that we will continue to receive and publish qualified papers in Portuguese and other languages.

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