

## Editorial

*Worldwide, pragmatism has developed into one of the most studied trends of philosophy in modern times. Some opinions conjecture that it will soon take over the space occupied by other theoretical-analysis philosophies that have prevailed over the last decades, with the advantage that, on assuming meaning as focal team, not to incur in the need for severing its ties to the world.*

*Quite the opposite, instead of spurning ancient and modern philosophies as possible depositories of the semantic vacuity of metaphysical delusions that make use of a language unaware of its limits, Pragmatism seeks in them the deep roots of the most dear philosophical ideas, without pretense of reinventing concepts therein conceived with admirable depth, extolling, however, the precious luster fractioned from oft-neglected theoretical constructions.*

*Should a given system of ideas not deal satisfactorily with its problem, needs must, at least, to distinguish which are they, and address them in light of theories that resist more to the demands of method and consistency. Salvage the theme rather than, indifferentially, discard it together with the theory on which it conjectures.*

*To this end, **Cognitio** has emerged as an international reference in the realm of Pragmatism, gathering national, European and North Americans specialists, bringing the live debate of the history of ideas into the essence of its queries. It has, as source for such debates, the International Meetings on Pragmatism, an yearly event held at the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo. Incidentally, as a result of the 6th International Meeting on Pragmatism, held from November 3 to 6, 2003, four articles by renowned scholars of the theme appear in this issue.*

*Within that historical perspective that focuses on the thematic roots of Pragmatism, the papers by Ludwig Nagl and Lauro Frederico Barbosa da Silveira return to Hegel as one of the most vital fundamentals for understanding the works of Charles Peirce. From Professor Nagl we learn the important concepts of community and community of investigation, crucial to the thought of the Hegelian Josiah Royce, contemporary of Peirce, and one of his most notable spokesman.*

*On Royce, advocate for an absolute pragmatism, it is uncommon to see anything published in Portuguese. **Cognitio** v. 5, n. 1 provides a rare opportunity for examining the comparison that a notable scholar such as Professor Nagl makes between Royce's concept of community with the Kantian idea of a Kingdom of Ends, and with the Hegelian concept of *Gemeinde*.*

*On another angle, Lauro Silveira, with his innate depth, directly explores Hegel's influence in Peirce's thought, a theme equally rarefied within our philosophical medium, or even, worldwide.*

*Also derived from the 6th International Meeting on Pragmatism in 2003, the*

reader will find relevant articles by Vincent Colapietro, from Penn State University in the U.S., and Lúcia Santaella, from PUC, São Paulo. The former reflects on the nuances of the paths of meaning in the semiosis process, while Santaella investigates the fundamental role that the notion of habit plays within Pragmatism. Both authors capably show their thematic knowledge embedded in Peirce's philosophy.

Last but not least, this issue includes the contributions of Mirko Skarica, from Universidad Católica de Valparaíso Chile, with an interesting reflection on what is, after all, pragmatic philosophizing, and the beta system of existential graphs, written by Lafayette de Moraes PUC/SP and João Queiroz, from UNICAMP, continuing their excellent work published in **Cognitio** n. 2, where they expounded on the fascinating alpha system of Peirce's graphs. Peirce's existential graphs constitute, as we well know, the construction of expressive iconic structures of logical relations, a work, incidentally, which Peirce regarded as his *chef-d'oeuvre*.

Finally, this issue of **Cognitio** concludes with João Mattar's review of Juan Frontodona's book - *Pragmatism and Management Inquiry*— within the theme launched in **Cognitio** v. 4, n. 2 by Professor Rogene Buchholtz, from Loyola University, in the United States, which seeks to establish a dialogue between pragmatism and what is internationally called business ethics.

New and improved standards for the presentation of articles in **Cognitio**, the result of a conciliatory work between what is recommended by the Brazilian Association of Technical Standards (ABNT) and Modern Languages Association (MLA), aim to provide more familiar rules for foreign writers while complying to what is officially established in our country.

In this issue, we have the pleasure of welcoming Professors Lucrecia D'Alessio Ferrara (FAU/USP and PUC/SP) and Claudine Tiercelin (Université Paris XII/CNRS - Institut Jean Nicod) to our consultancy body, further enchancing the distinguished group of specialists who collaborate in the selection of papers for publication in our journal.

We must also stress that, in striving to expand its network of readers and facilitate the delivery of back and current issues, **Cognitio** is promoting, for the first time, a subscription campaign, for which information and forms may be obtained from the website [www.pucsp.br/pos/filosofia/Pragmatismo/index.html](http://www.pucsp.br/pos/filosofia/Pragmatismo/index.html).

In conclusion, we would like to express our gratitude for the support and encouragement received from the domestic and foreign media connected with philosophical production of differentiated quality, stimulating us to maintain and expand the work of all who contribute to our **Cognitio**.

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