

Editorial

We are delighted with our first-ever second yearly issue of **Cognitio**, triumphing over the added challenge of maintaining the journal's high graphic and thematic quality in concert with its genetic international profile. This profile, albeit not yet explicit in its label, has been effectively emerging since its second issue in 2001, when we published four essays by acclaimed foreign professors who, in November 2000, participated in the 3rd International Meeting on Pragmatism, the yearly event sponsored by the Center for Studies on Pragmatism of the Program of Graduate Studies in Philosophy of PUC-SP.

The half-yearly frequency of the journal has prompted us to widen our dialogue with the Brazilian and foreign intellectual media even further, seeking to foster contributions from scholars of pragmatism, their roots and thematic correlations. As a result, we have now begun receiving essay contributions from foreign scholars, which will shortly also be published.

In this issue we are particularly pleased to publish an outstanding paper by Professor Nathan Houser, from Indiana University in the United States, Director of the Institute for American Thought, and General Editor of the Peirce Edition Project, who, in 2002, took part in the 5th International Meeting on Pragmatism. Professor Houser demonstrates consummately how to write a speculatively profound essay with such an elegant literary verve that truly fulfills the promise insinuated by an enticing title.

Equally brilliant is the reflection raised by Theresa Calvet de Magalhães, Professor at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, approaching the turning point of philosophical realism from its linguistic-pragmatic aspect.

With no less pleasure we also publish a paper by Professor Rogene Buchholz, from Loyola University in the United States, a leading authority on the pragmatist reading of business ethics, a field of growing international philosophical interest. This makes up a happy thematic duet with the paper by Professor Izidoro Blikstein, from the Fundação Getúlio Vargas of São Paulo.

We also publish a reaction by Professor Hans Ulrich Gumbrecht, from Stanford University, to an article by João Mattar, member of the Center for Pragmatism Studies, published in the previous issue of **Cognitio**, commenting a manifesto produced at Stanford, signed by Professor Gumbrecht himself and other researchers.

This issue is complemented by an interesting study of Charles S. Peirce's classification of signs through the diagrammatic prism by Priscila Farias and João Queiroz, from PUC-São Paulo, as well as the translation by Lauro Marques of an important Peirce manuscript, and a review by Maria de Lourdes Bacha of a book by Christopher Hookway, from Sheffield University in the United Kingdom, actually one of the most important peircean scholars.

Finally, we are grateful and honored by the acceptance of the invitations made to Sandra Rosenthal, from Loyola University, assuredly the international Grand Lady of pragmatism today, to Kelly Parker, from the Grand Valley University in the United States, to Rossella Fabbrichesi Leo, from the University of Milan, and to Professor Nathan Houser, to be members of the Scientific Board of **Cognitio**. Names of such distinction reaffirm the seriousness of this journal's criteria in the choice of its publications.

Stimulating and reinforcing our commitment to a high-quality work, their acceptance came together with praise to **Cognitio** and significant avowals of confidence in its project.

Aiming for a steady growth in the quality of our journal, we must emphatically thank all who collaborated with us towards this end with no other interest in mind but the most genuine love for philosophical reflection and dialogue, within a differentiated standard of quality.

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