

Editorial

This third issue of *Cognitio* is the last of our annual series. As from 2003, it will be published half-yearly. Thus, besides publishing the texts of all papers read at International Meetings on Pragmatism, it will be increasingly important to count on the contributions of scholars on all fields, directly or indirectly related to the core theme of the journal. In this regard, notwithstanding its focus-specific nature, as befits a publication of this kind, classic pragmatism innately endeavors to seek, through diverse periods in the history of western thought, its points of convergence or, in other words, its more direct inspiration whether specifically, as in Kant's philosophy, or more generally, as in German idealism.

On the other hand, contemporary pragmatism, referred to usually by its followers as neo-pragmatism, having Richard Rorty as one of its emblematic figures, shares themes and status with the more recent epistemology and philosophy of language, alongside its path through the so-called analytical philosophy.

Therefore, contributions to *Cognitio* may cover a wide-ranging thematic spectrum, opening an enriching philosophical debate confronting positions which, from the start, intensify when compared with classic and contemporary pragmatisms: this comparison will reveal radical differences in the understanding of pragmatic, an expression which, in common usage, bears nearly no similarity with its philosophical meaning, at least with the essence of classic pragmatism.

We have endeavored to broaden dialogue with foreign researchers, an effort reflected in this issue in the six contributions from scholars of unequivocal world acclaim. Noteworthy among them are two European and a Canadian scholar, rebutting the obviously wrong impression that pragmatism is confined to the United States academia. Indeed, we have been in close contact and cooperation with European investigators, mainly in Germany and France, where the thematic study of pragmatism is increasing significantly as regards research and academic production.

It should also be stressed that the Center of Pragmatism Studies, concentrating all materials associated with the issues of *Cognition*, continues forming study groups in philosophy, particularly supporting research on classical authors. Their undeniable influence on pragmatism provides the fundamental knowledge that enables the semantic scope of the doctrine to reach its rightful and desirable level.

This third issue of **Cognitio** is already indexed at *The Philosopher's Index* of the United States of America. We are in touch with international organizations aiming for additional indexing of the journal, most of them requiring a minimum of three issues to accept our request. This requirement will thus be fulfilled with our next issue, alongside many other formal details for the presentation of the journal, recommended by Brazilian entities, for which we have already made arrangements. Despite these necessary details, our primary focus – as has been the case since our first issue – shall remain centered on providing readers with articles of differentiated

philosophical level, both as regards content and thematic originality.

We sincerely hope that, with contributions from all who are interested in good philosophy, we may continue offering a high-quality space for the publication of papers.

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