

## Editorial

*This year of 2007 is, with substantial reason, a celebratory one for the Center for Studies on Pragmatism of the Program of Graduate Studies in Philosophy of the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP). On the one hand, our **Cognitio – Philosophy Journal** has, since last year, attained Capes classification “National A”, an acknowledgment that fills us with elation and, at the same time, greater responsibility to keep growing with the quality that this work has sought to confer during seven consecutive years of issue, bringing some of the major names in philosophy worldwide, particularly in studies on pragmatism. On the other hand, **Cognitio** is part of the ten-year anniversary celebration of the International Meetings on Pragmatism. This tenth edition of the event, which this year will be held from November 12 to 15, is the result of continuous work during the twelve months of the year, organizing a Meeting that has reached unanimity in terms of its importance among the Brazilian and international philosophy community. **Cognitio** emerged from these Meetings and, in effect, remains feeding on the major part of the papers presented by countless specialists who have participated in the event, together with the innumerable and ever-growing spontaneous contributions that it always receives.*

*The first number of volume 8 brings truly precious papers. Douglas Anderson, in his essay, explores the Schellingean roots of the philosophy of nature of the North American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson. A rare work, written with the masterliness and clarity of one of the most talented pragmatists in our midst. Mats Bergman, from the excellent Finnish pragmatist school, shows one of philosophy’s most proficuous themes, namely, the relationship between pragmatism and the phenomenon of communication. We are also especially proud to present a second article by André De Tienne, one of the most lucid specialists in the philosophy of Peirce. The charming title of his work – we can guarantee the reader – merits the high quality and learning provided at the end of its reading.. Ophelia Deroy contributes, once more, with an article on an original theme that provides rewarding reading. Maria Eunice Quilici Gonzalez and Sônia Ribeiro Morais present a four-hand interesting work inserting pragmatism and the sphere of communication in the realm of ecology, evidencing the spreading of the pragmatism doctrine throughout the most current themes of our culture. We must also emphasize our satisfaction in publishing an article by Larry Hickman, editor of Dewey’s works and one of his most important scholars and publishers. In it the reader will find the habitual clarity that permeates all of his writings.*

*Paulo Margutti honors this issue with a study on the ironism in Rorty and Machado de Assis, in a style that befits the originality of the theme addressed. Completing the list of articles in this edition, **Cognitio** once more joyfully welcomes a paper by Lucia Santaella, certainly one of most important specialists of Peircean thought.*

*Two reviews complement this issue of **Cognitio**. One deals with Tom Short’s recent book, “Peirce’s Theory of Signs,” written with the usual clarity by the ever welcome Maria de Lourdes Bacha who, besides being world reference in the realm of Peirce’s*

*semeiotics and pragmatism, is now a member of the team of international consultants of the journal, further strengthening our differentiated quality. Finally, Cesar Ribas Cezar offers an interesting review of a work on John Duns Scotus, an author in whom he specializes, along a line of connections with the history of philosophy that **Cognitio** insists in maintaining, in support of the understanding of the classical nature of the issues that shape pragmatism's deepest roots.*

*There are, doubtless, many reasons to commemorate the fruits of our labors along these ten years. Its acknowledgment by the philosophical community is certainly one of them. The others come during the day-to-day routine of our Center for Studies on Pragmatism, developing an intense dialogue with scholars among who figure not only famous names of senior researchers, but also, and especially, those youngsters in whose hearts and minds we seek to sow the interest and creative energy necessary for its continuity.*

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