

## Editorial

*This issue of **Cognitio – Philosophy Journal** covers a wide specter of themes, albeit within the field of pragmatism, but also focusing on logic and the theory of knowledge in general. This multi-thematic nature of the journal, which has been evolving over the last few years, reflects the trend observed in the themes addressed in our well-established International Meeting on Pragmatism, held every year.*

*Thus, the second number of the seventh issue of the journal contains papers from nine authors wherein pragmatism and Peircean philosophy constitute the main focus, analyzed under a wide variety of views, from post-modern aesthetics to contemporary logic, psychoanalysis and the theory of action.*

*In “Living Art”, Ricardo Fabrini, Professor of Aesthetics at the Philosophy Department of PUC-SP, analyses Dewey’s aesthetics through the angle of Aesthetic Pragmatist, by Richard Shusterman, a key work for understanding contemporary aesthetics.*

*Coincidentally, the semiotic notion of sign and object is the theme of three papers included in this issue. “Peirce’s Semeiotic Applied to Perception”, by Carl Hausman, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University (USA), argues the description of the role of real or dynamic objects that induces the formulation of signs, and the interpretation that they refer to their objects. In “Representations of Imaginary, Nonexistent, or Nonfigurative Objects”, Winfried Nöth, of the Interdisciplinary Center for Cultural Studies, University of Kassel (Germany), expounds the idea that signs do not associate themselves to referents but represent objects for the mind, which can also be either imaginary or non-existent. In “A Symphonic Character of the Semiotic Representations”, our esteemed Lauro Frederico Barbosa da Silveira, Professor at the Philosophy Department of UNESP-Marília, develops the idea that “the representation mediating function, representing something to the conduct, implies the possibility of infinite theories equally valid, whose choice depends on a primary affinity among object, sign and conduct.” In “Pragmatism and Realism: Semiotics as Transgression of the Language” Ivo Ibri, professor at the Philosophy Department of PUC-SP, claims that “Semiotics is not simply a system of signs in which human languages and their respective logics are organized, organizing thus the contents of knowledge and meaning of its objects, but also, that it deals with a pragmatic science in its most wide-ranging aspect.”*

*Vincent Colapietro, also a Professor at Pennsylvania State University, in his “Pragmatism and Psychoanalysis” offers an interesting parallel between these two major areas of knowledge comparing, on one hand, the positions of Peirce, James and Dewey, to that of Sigmund Freud, on the other.*

*This issue also contains two papers on the area of logic. One of them, “Fallibilism is Omega-Inconsistent”, by Thomas Short, applies the Gödelian concept of omega-consistency to try to remove the apparent self-contradictoriness of the notion of Fallibilism. It is a very welcome paper, as this year we celebrate the centenary of the*

*birth of Kurt Gödel, perhaps the greatest logician of the Twentieth Century. In “Logical Consequence and Invariance”, my own paper, I provide some results offered in my application for Adjunct Professor at the Philosophy Department of PUC-SP. This is a semi-technical text addressing logical concepts in general and their relation to the notion of invariance by automorphisms, an idea suggested by another major logician of the Twentieth Century, Alfred Tarski.*

*The paper by Giovanni Tuzet, of Bocconi University in Milan, deals with the relationships and distinctions between the Peircean notions of judgment, proposition, belief and assertion. Juliano de Souza Albuquerque Maranhão, post-doctorate student of PUC-SP’s Graduate Program in Law-PUC-SP, in his paper “Von Wright and the Practical Syllogism as a Method of Action Comprehension,” offers a reconstructed version of von Wright’s theory of practical inference that grounds his theory of action explanation.*

*There is also a review by Maria de Lourdes Bacha, Mackenzie University, of the book of R. Fabbrichesi Leo and S. Marietti, S., Semiotics and Philosophy in Charles Sanders Peirce (2006). The book publishes papers presented at the International Conference on the Semiotics and Philosophy of C.S. Peirce, held in Milan, Italy, in April 2005.*

*In concluding, I would like to mention two expectations of the group that comprises the Center for Pragmatism Studies of PUC-SP. On the one hand, we anxiously await the reclassification of our journal in the Qualis-Capes system, which better reflects the importance of this instrument in the diffusion of papers on pragmatism and related themes, both in Brazil and abroad. On the other hand, the group is already planning the Tenth International Meeting on Pragmatism, to be held next year. We intend bringing prominent researchers who have already participated in previous meetings, as well as others of international fame who have kindly accepted our invitation.*

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