

Editorial

It is with great pleasure that we present to all who are interested in pragmatism and in the general themes of logic and epistemology this second number of the sixth volume of **Cognitio Revista de Filosofia**. We avail ourselves of this opportunity to announce the launching of the electronic journal **Cognitio Estudos**, which may be accessed through the web site: <<http://www.pucsp.br/pos/filosofia/Pragmatismo>>.

This branch of **Cognitio** was created to meet the demand for communication that emerged during the International Meetings on Pragmatism, our well-known annual event held at the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP), promoted by the Center of Pragmatism Studies (CEP) of the University. Justifiably and, may we say, belatedly, we must thank the key persons of the CEP for the tremendous and diligent work undertaken in the coordination, preparation and execution of the project of **Cognitio Estudos**, as well as **Cognitio Revista de Filosofia**. Without their effort both publications would be simply impossible. May we thank Eluiza Bortolotto Ghizzi, Cassiano Terra Rodrigues, Josué Cândido da Silva and José Renato Salatiel, members of the editorial commission of **Cognitio Estudos**, as well as Edson Dognaldo Gil and Henry Mallett who worked in the editing and preparation of texts and review of the English version, respectively. Our appreciation is also due to the detailed work in the analysis of essays submitted to **Cognitio** by our Board of Consultants.

This number, together with the previous one, contains the last two texts by invited professors, presented at the 7th International Meeting on Pragmatism, held from November 8 to 11, 2004, as well as other contributions from specialists in this field. They are Vagueness and the Ontology of Art, by Claudine Tiercelin, Université de Paris XII – Institute Jean Nicod, and Belief as a Disposition of Act: Variations on a Pragmatism Theme, by Pascal Engel of the Université de Paris XII - Sorbonne. The former, written by one of the most prominent scholars of Pragmatism, focuses on some original insights offered by C.S. Peirce at the turn of the 20th century, on semiotics, epistemology and the ontology of vagueness, and the second is a lucid and deep analysis on one of the most familiar themes of pragmatist philosophy, the idea that belief is a disposition to act, or a habit of action.

In this edition, Ivo Assad Ibri presents the paper Creative Love as Heuristic Principle in Peirce's Philosophy, dealing on a theme of Peircean evolutionism through an analysis of one of his major essays, The Law of Mind.

An approximation between Peircean philosophy and skepticism is offered by Ophelia Deroy, of the Université de Paris XII. It is a demarcation of problematic relations between skepticism and Peirce's pragmatism, noted by both his contemporaries and ours.

André De Tienne, of the University of Indiana, Indianapolis – USA, regales us in a particularly elegant and profound style, by addressing in his article two different conceptions of the notion of information underlying some of Peirce's works.

Peirce's considerations on the nature of mathematics as an informative science capable of improving our knowledge is the theme of the interesting paper, Mathematical

Individuality in Charles Sanders Peirce, by Susanna Marietti of the *Universit  de Milano*. This is an analysis of mathematical rationale containing an inevitable element of individuality.

Lauro Frederico Barbosa de Oliveira, of UNESP in Mar lia, a scholar of Pragmatism and an assiduous collaborator of **Cognitio**, presents a paper On the Interpretants of the Dicent Signs, addressing a very specific theme of Peircean Semiotics.

The idea that mere chance does not suffice to explain a true guess is the theme of the paper Peirce's Vera Causa of Guessing, by Patricia Turrisi of the University of North Carolina, in Wilmington – USA. This edition also includes provocative approach of the role of abductive inference in juridical reasoning as the theme of the paper Legal Abduction, by Giovanni Tuzet of the *Universit  de Ferrara*, Italy.

As usual, this volume also includes a book review. On this occasion it is Cassiano Terra Rodrigues who signs the analysis of On Pragmatism, by Cornelis de Waal, a work that, incidentally, is being translated by him into Portuguese, through Editora Loyola. This is an introduction to pragmatism that endeavors to outline the major theoretical developments of the movement, from Peirce to Susan Haack.

We sincerely hope this volume will provide further encouragement to discussions on themes related to pragmatism, which have increased considerably among specialized philosophical circles in our country. **Cognitio** has undoubtedly greatly contributed to this crescendo.

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