

Editorial

I am pleased to announce that, with this volume, Volume 9, the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* moves to quarterly publication. Volume 1 Number 1 of this journal appeared in March 1993. The original plan was to publish two issues per year. In the first Editorial I wrote that the 'real strength of the journal will lie in the quality of the unsolicited manuscripts that it attracts', and it is certainly the case that the journal attracted a considerable number of quality submissions in its early years. Due to the amount and high standard of these submissions, and with the support of our publishers, Routledge, the Journal moved to publishing three issues a year in 1997, the journal's fifth year. The stream of submissions has continued to grow steadily with the result that the Editorial Board has decided to move to quarterly publication, beginning from this year, 2001. Again, I hope that the increase in size of the volume and its increased frequency will be welcomed both by the journal's readers and by its contributors.

It is worth reflecting briefly on the manner in which the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* has grown and developed over the years since 1993. I think it is no exaggeration to say that the journal has established for itself a strong and distinctive place in the crowded and competitive world of philosophy journals. The journal continues to promote excellence by publishing not only established figures in contemporary philosophy, but also strong contributions by emerging new philosophers, for some of whom this represents their first appearance in print. As Editor, I take special pride in promoting original and promising work by these emerging philosophers.

I am especially pleased that the submissions continue to grow. The Editorial Board has also grown. Jeff Malpas of the University of Tasmania has recently been appointed regional Corresponding Editor for Australasia in recognition of the considerable number of submissions that the journal receives from that area. New special issues are planned, including a special issue on the relations between analytic and continental philosophy, and a special issue on the work of Hannah Arendt. The commitment to philosophical pluralism announced in the first issue has clearly been exemplified and is a hallmark of the continued success of the journal. The range of topics and the variety of modes of approach seen in the contributions

published in the journal over the years are real evidence of the vital and varied state of contemporary philosophy.

The development of the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* could not have been possible without the assistance of many people. In the first place, I must thank Maria Baghramian, Reviews Editor, who has built the Critical Notice and Book Review sections into what surely must be one of the best in the field. I must also thank the Editorial Board members who have advised the Editor in many ways and whose support has been crucial for the development of the journal. I want also to express my thanks to the National University of Ireland for its continued support. Finally, I would also like to thank the many staff (too numerous to mention individually) in the Philosophy and Journals Departments at Routledge, now Taylor & Francis, who, over the years, brought their considerable professional expertise to the production of the journal. However, I cannot end without expressing my appreciation for the on-going support of Tony Bruce, Liz Gresham and Jeremy Toynebee.

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