

Editorial

With this volume we are pleased to announce that the *IJPS* has a new Editor. Dr. Maria Baghramian, University College Dublin, who has served as Reviews Editor with the journal since its inception, has been appointed Editor by Routledge (Taylor & Francis). I am delighted that Dr. Baghramian has agreed to accept this position and I am certain that she has the experience, the ability, but, most importantly, the energy and enthusiasm needed to develop the journal in its next phase. I am also sure that she will place her own characteristic stamp on the journal, which is the prerogative of every good Editor. I shall remain on the Executive of the Journal as Founding Editor. In particular I hope to develop future special issues and assist Dr. Baghramian in developing the journal. Meanwhile, we are happy to welcome Dr. Jim O'Shea, University College Dublin, to the position of Reviews Editor.

As outgoing Editor I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the journal's progress to date. The first issue of the *IJPS* appeared in March 1993. At that time we were committed to publishing two issues a year. In 1997 the journal moved to publishing 3 issues per year, and then in 2001 we moved to full quarterly status. Each step in this progression has increased exponentially the responsibilities of the Editor and Reviews Editor. The number of submissions has grown steadily, as has the number of books received for reviewing. The Editorial Board has been tremendously supportive, and I am pleased to say that every issue of the journal has appeared on time.

There is considerable evidence from the steady flow of submissions and from their quality, from the responses of readers, and from the healthy state of institutional subscriptions, that the *IJPS* now holds a respected place among the academic philosophy journals of the first rank. According to our original mission statement, the journal sought contributions of the highest quality in all areas of philosophy, but aimed especially to contribute to the ongoing dialogue between analytic and Continental philosophy. One area where dialogue between these traditions or styles of philosophizing is fruitful is in the area of the history of philosophy, so the journal sought to encourage submissions in that area. I believe that, in its first ten years of publication, the *IJPS* more than met these goals. I am particularly proud of the tradition we have established of occasional special issues (on realism, Kant, Hannah Arendt, phenomenology). In 2001 we revised our mission statement to reflect our more mature status. The *IJPS* will continue to

develop its strengths as a mainstream philosophy journal, publishing the very best of philosophy from all philosophical standpoints and methods. We are committed to pluralism in philosophy. The journal will also continue its practice of publishing a large number of reviews and in-depth critical notices of recent books from all traditions.

Obviously, much needs to be done. I am looking to Dr. Baghramian to bring a fresh vision to the journal. In her capable hands, the journal will grow in new and exciting ways. I wish her every success. Finally, I would like to thank the Philosophy Department at University College Dublin and in particular the Head of Department, Dr. Gerard Casey for providing the journal with administrative support and Margaret Brady for her editorial assistance. I would also like to thank the National University of Ireland for their on-going support.

Dermot Moran

As the incoming Editor I would like to salute the accomplishments of the Founding Editor of the *IJPS*, Prof. Dermot Moran, who in the course of a few short years guided the journal from modest beginnings to a major quarterly publication recognised for the high quality of its articles and breadth of coverage. As the Reviews Editor of the journal I greatly enjoyed my co-operation with Dermot. His unbounded energy and commitment provided momentum for our work and was always a source of inspiration. I hope to continue and build upon his achievements and thus ensure the continuous success of the *IJPS*.

The journal will continue with its ecumenical approach to philosophy and will publish articles from both the analytic and Continental traditions; in doing so we hope it will be seen as a leading broad-based journal with commitment only to excellence rather than bound to any one particular philosophical tradition or outlook. We will also devote one issue per year to a special topic or the work of a particular philosopher. I look forward to the input of Dermot Moran, in his role as the Founding Editor, in this as in other future projects.

The reviews section has always been a prominent feature of the *IJPS*. With the appointment of Dr. James O'Shea as the new Reviews Editor the journal will continue to develop its policy of reviewing notable books from all philosophical schools. It will also publish critical notices and review articles of books that promise to make a substantial contribution to ongoing debates. I look forward to our co-operation in ensuring the continued success of the journal.

Maria Baghramian

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