

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: THEORIA (2003-2009)

In 2009, we close another chapter in the history of THEORIA. In the last six years, our journal has established itself as an international outlet for good philosophical papers, namely in Europe and the Spanish-speaking world. It has been acknowledged as such by the ISI *Arts and Humanities Citation Index* and the ERIH list of the European Science Foundation, to name just two significant rankings. In these six years, we have published pieces from more than 70 authors, scattered over Europe and America in all the areas covered by the journal. We have published also eight edited collections and three review symposia. We owe much to the dedication of our referees, a (still incomplete) list of whom appeared in our volume 24.1. And THEORIA is in debt with the board that guided its editorial decisions over the last six years: Fernando Broncano, Josep Corbí, José Ferreirós, Manuel García-Carpintero, Ramon Jansana, Manuel Sellés and Mauricio Suárez. I am personally grateful for their commitment and constant support throughout these six years. It made all our achievements possible. Now that their tenure expires, let me express our gratitude to this wonderful editorial board on behalf of the readers and publishers of THEORIA —CALIJ and the University of the Basque Country. They have set yet another landmark in an editorial venture established now more than fifty years ago by Miguel Sánchez-Mazas.

In consultation with our advisory board, new area editors have just been appointed for the next six years, with the same mission: selecting for publication only the best original papers submitted to THEORIA. They are José Antonio Díez Calzada (Universitat de Barcelona), Genoveva Martí (ICREA & Universitat de Barcelona), Javier Moscoso (CSIC), Josefa Toribio (ICREA & Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Marga Vicedo (University of Toronto) and Gabriel Uzquiano (University of Oxford). David Teira (UNED) also joins our editorial team as deputy editor of the journal. It is needless to introduce them, since their work is widely appreciated both in Spain and abroad. Let me just thank them for accepting this service to the profession that I am sure will make of THEORIA an even better journal.

Together with our publishers, we have also made a significant decision for the future of THEORIA. As you probably know, the best journals in our field are managed by major international publishers that charge increasingly expensive fees to their readers and impose quite demanding copyright agreements to their authors. THEORIA wants to remain an independent journal and provide a better service to its readers and authors. This is why we have decided to adopt an Open Access policy and publish the journal under a Creative Commons Licence. From now on, we will give free access to all our published content through our website (<http://www.ehu.es/theoria>). Authors will retain copyright and grant the journal right of first publication. Thanks to the generosity of the University of the Basque Country, we hope we will contribute to spread good philosophical ideas and discussions without any cost to our authors and readers. Nonetheless, we will continue the regular printed edition for our subscribers.



Technically this change has been made possible by the Open Journals System (OJS), an editorial platform developed by the Public Knowledge Project. With OJS, we will be able to track the entire editorial process, from submission to publication, leaving a clear record of every decision made in between. Authors will benefit from this change in two ways. On the one hand, through OJS they will be able to see how their submissions are being processed at every stage. On the other hand, OJS allow us editors to process every submission more efficiently. We expect to cut the decision process to an average of eight weeks.

Finally, a brief note regarding our advisory board. Many of the members originally appointed by Miguel Sánchez-Mazas have now retired: Layman E. Allen, Costantino Ciampi, Amedeo G. Conte, Wilhelm Karl Essler, Jörg Flum, Jean-Blaise Grize, Mario G. Losano, Robert C. Sleight, Christian Thiel. We are really thankful for their many contributions to THEORIA through the last three decades. Two members of the board, Carlos Castilla del Pino and Alberto Dou, have recently passed away and in this issue we are publishing two obituaries as a tribute. In the coming years, we will gradually renew the board. Our first appointment has been Manuel García-Carpintero, not only for the service lent to our journal, but for making Barcelona an international reference for analytic philosophy through the activities of the Logos group.

We are already expecting your submissions in order to make the best of this new chapter in the history of THEORIA beginning today.

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