

Editorial

The Journal of Philosophical Criticism (JPC) stems from aspirations, projects, and goals that presumably commenced in 2003, the year when two of the founding editors of this journal were fortunate enough to meet in Northfield, USA, and spend a few months together at St. Olaf College. It was the beginning of something — beyond the ties of a genuine friendship — and most of us could not imagine where it would lead us. This is the reason we must thank a number of individuals, notably our mentor during our scholarly activity in Northfield, Gordon Marino, professor of philosophy and director of the Hong Kierkegaard Library, whose commitment to scholarly research is unparalleled.

Some scholars immediately joined the launch of this project, and we can confidently say others will join us in the near future. Our initial

idea of an international place for an ongoing philosophical discussion soon turned into something more demanding: an international academic journal, which could host contributions from other scholars, echoing the spirit of a free circulation of philosophical views, just like we had cheerfully and richly experienced.

Hence, we embarked on this venture and quickly founded this journal, whose name invites wide philosophical debates on as many issues as contemporary society can present. Our insight of philosophy as “doing philosophy” pushes the journal’s aim to promote philosophical criticism on the many issues, which we may experience as philosophers and as citizens. Our strong belief is that philosophy can still provide credible solutions to problems.

JPC is an arduous endeavour which calls for unceasing efforts at all stages, from technical configurations to workflow management, from reviewing papers to publication, up to the new requirements for an online journal, such as digital repository and permanent identifiers. We know the challenges that such an enterprise implies and the difficulties we will certainly experience along the way, but we are also aware of our necessity to support the community by providing a place to enrich philosophy through open-mindedness and philosophical criticism.

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