Editorial

Clare Chambers¹ · Philip Cook² · Sune Lægaard³

Accepted: 21 December 2020 / Published online: 5 January 2021

© The Author(s), under exclusive licence to Springer Nature B.V. part of Springer Nature 2021

Res Publica is now entering its 27th year. The journal has been going through exciting developments in recent years. We have seen a steady increase every year both in terms of the number of submissions and especially in the number of downloads of papers from the journal. *Res Publica* is an increasingly attractive venue for publication, and more and more people are reading what we publish.

We have introduced a strong team of Associate Editors, most recently expanded a year ago. This organizational upgrade means that we are able to keep up the high quality of our review process and are ready for continued growth and improvement.

The central aim for *Res Publica* is to offer a unique venue for research in political, legal, moral and social philosophy. Our distinctive profile is precisely that we provide a forum for interdisciplinary discussions which are not confined to one narrow sub-discipline but facilitate philosophical discussions of theoretical and practical issues cutting across politics, law and ethics. We believe that this allows for valuable synergies and inspiration for new research. Issues of public concern do not respect disciplinary boundaries.

We aim to publish excellent research within this field, by established scholars as well as the best junior academics. Going forward, our ambition is to stimulate activity within the discipline. We are therefore excited to be able to announce that from 2021 we will embark on several new initiatives. One of these is that we can now offer support for workshops and other activities, which we expect to generate high-quality submissions to the journal, including Special Issues and Symposia. In our funding of such activities, we will aim to strengthen the particular areas falling within our aims and scope. We will simultaneously seek to encourage work from historically less well-represented groups, including female authors, in order to further diversity among contributors to the discipline. Another of our new initiatives is a cooperative venture with *CRITIQUE: Centre for Ethics and Critical Thought*

✉ Sune Lægaard
laegaard@ruc.dk

¹ Cambridge, UK

² Edinburgh, UK

³ Roskilde, Denmark

at the University of Edinburgh,¹ which will include featured online symposia on selected papers published in *Res Publica*.

In entering 2021, we are also saying goodbye to Philip Cook, who is now stepping down as co-Editor-in-Chief after having served as such for eight and a half years. Below is a goodbye editorial from Philip. We would like to thank Philip for his work on the journal, which has been an important contributory factor in bringing about its success.

Clare Chambers and Sune Lægaard

As I reach the end of my service as co-Editor-in-Chief, I would like to take this opportunity to express thanks to all those who have contributed to the development of *Res Publica*. Colleagues at SpringerNature have worked collaboratively on the various proposals we have made over recent years to grow the journal. In particular I would like to thank Neil Olivier (Editorial Director, Humanities & Law Journals) for his support and advice. I am delighted that we were able to introduce a team of Associate Editors to *Res Publica*. This has helped us add expertise across a range of areas in moral, legal and political philosophy. Thank you to all the Associate Editors with whom I have worked for their diligence. Throughout my period of service I have been consistently impressed with the quality and rigour of reviews we have received on papers. Thank you to all those who have generously devoted their time and energy to providing reviews. I have enjoyed working with Clare Chambers and Sune Lægaard as co-Editors-in-Chief. Clare has added important new ideas and insights, and the journal will benefit greatly from her continued leadership. I especially wish to thank Sune Lægaard, who has served alongside me as Editor-in-Chief throughout my tenure. Sune has been unfailingly kind, efficient and collegiate throughout our time working together. I am excited to follow the journal's continued development, and wish everyone involved with *Res Publica* all the very best for the future.

Philip Cook

Publisher's Note Springer Nature remains neutral with regard to jurisdictional claims in published maps and institutional affiliations.

¹ <https://critique.sps.ed.ac.uk/>.