Editorial

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Contemporary Political Theory is now publishing the first issue of volume 8. *CPT* has established itself as a leading, internationally respected journal of political theory. We are delighted that Tamara Metz's article 'The Liberal Case for Disestablishing Marriage' (*CPT* 6.2, May 2007) was the joint winner of the first annual Okin-Young award in Feminist Political Theory, sponsored by the Women and Politics and Foundations of Political Theory sections of APSA. The award recognizes the best paper on feminist political theory published in an English language academic journal during the previous calendar year.

CPT continues to develop and in the coming year, there will be a change in editorial personnel. Simon Tormey, who has been an excellent member of the editorial team is moving to the University of Sydney, Australia. He will be standing down as Reviews Editor but will continue to contribute by assuming the role of an Associate Editor of the journal. Simon has been an imaginative and productive Reviews Editor, proactive and judicious in his assessment of books and reviewers, and contributing significantly to the general development of the journal. We are delighted to announce that Maria Dimova-Cookson (University of Durham) will be joining the editorial team as Reviews Editor. There are also other changes in the Associate Editor roles. Avigail Eisenberg and Geoffrey Stokes are standing down as Associate Editors, having made significant contributions to the journal's international standing but we are delighted that they have both agreed to serve on the Editorial Board. We are very pleased that Xavier Guillaume (University of Geneva) has been appointed as a new Associate Editor. Xavier should help to strengthen our associations with continental Europe. John Maynor remains as a much valued Associate Editor.

In the last year, we have continued to innovate, publishing stimulating and well-received interviews with Bill Connolly and Bonnie Honig, under our new feature, *Dialogues with Political Theorists*. An interview with Jane Bennett forms part of this issue. These interviews are published on the journal's website (<http://www.palgrave-journals.com/cpt/index/html>) as well as in hard copy. We have a number of interviews with leading political theorists in the pipeline, including discussions with Ben Barber and Alain Badiou. This new feature is rapidly becoming a significant and engaging source of enlightenment on the

state of contemporary political theory, and for that reason this volume of the journal plans to have an interview in each issue.

Once again, in the light of the success of the journal in recent years, we wish to thank members of the political theory community, the journal's Board members, referees, authors and readers who are all involved in the work that contributes to *CPT*'s success.

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