



Editorial

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We are very happy with what has been achieved in the journal's first year. We have received a large number of interesting articles that has enabled the journal to develop a strong and distinct profile in political theory. The success of the journal's feature articles, *Theory and Practice* and *Political Theory Revisited*, has contributed significantly to this emerging profile. Articles by David Held on globalization, corporate practice and cosmopolitanism, Simon Thompson on the politics of recognition and parity of esteem in Northern Ireland, and Laura Brace on wet nursing, Hegel and civil society have been published within the *Theory and Practice* feature slot. Articles by Conal Condren on early-modern political satire, Saul Newman on Max Stirner and posthumanism, and Ian Tregenza on Oakeshott and Schmitt on Hobbes and the critique of rationalism have been published within *Political Theory Revisited* feature slot.

Board members, at meetings in the UK and USA and in writing, have commented favourably on *CPT*, notably on the quality of its articles, on its refreshing openness to diverse styles, on the interest of its review section, and on the impact of its feature articles. The journal is fulfilling its mission of promoting the diversity of political theory by encompassing a wide range of approaches such as analytical political philosophy, radical and post-structuralist theory, historical political thought, feminist theory, international relations theory, and philosophy of social science. Its publication of a number of articles from the USA, Canada, Australasia, and Europe testifies to its international credentials, and we have registered *CPT*'s presence at a number of international conferences. We are planning to build on these positive aspects of the journal in developing further its reputation for excellence.

One of the many positive aspects of the journal's performance to date has been the efficient and speedy handling of submissions. Authors have been pleased by the lack of delay between the submission of an article and its acceptance. To advertise this relatively quick turnaround time and to provide a spur for the editors to strive to maintain this reputation, we now intend to publish the submission dates of articles that are published in the journal.

In recognition of the high quality of articles within the journal and to further stimulate interest, we also aim to award an annual prize for the outstanding article published in each volume of the journal. The prize would highlight the significance of articles in the journal to the wider community of political theorists.

We believe that the success of *Contemporary Political Theory* reflects the vibrancy and quality of the contemporary practice of political theory. We continue



to invite comments from the political theory community as well as to welcome the submission of articles and offers to review significant texts in political theory.

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