



Editorial

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Contemporary Political Theory is publishing the first issue of its fifth volume, having been in print now for 4 years. It set out to be an outstanding journal expressing the vitality of political theory, reflecting its breadth, and encompassing a wide range of styles and approaches. We believe that it is achieving its aims. It has shown itself to be publishing cutting edge material and engaging with broad debates. Volume 5 will contain an increased number of pages, reflecting the success of the journal, more value for subscribers, and the confidence of the publishers in the endeavour.

We continue to receive a large and increasing number of submissions, from established and younger scholars who appreciate the strictness of its process of review. All submissions are subject to double-blind refereeing to ensure quality and objectivity. We are including in this issue a list of referees whom we have consulted for the last two volumes. The ratio of submissions to acceptances throughout the publishing history of *Contemporary Political Theory* stands at 37.9%, with the figure tending below the 30% mark over the last 2 years. All articles are revised and improved during the process of review. Our high submission rate allows us to maintain the high quality of articles in *Contemporary Political Theory*, and this standard is celebrated and promoted by our institution of an annual prize for the best article. We are also happy with our reception of streams of articles targeted at our regular features, *Theory and Practice* and *Political Theory Revisited*.

One of the aims of the journal has been to highlight and to promote the international scope of political theory. In the last issue, we focused attention on the political theory of Deleuze with a lively special feature, publishing important articles on Deleuze and democracy by Philippe Mengue and Paul Patton, as well as printing a review essay assessing recent books on Deleuze's political theory. We are confident that this focus on Deleuze will help to render Deleuze's thought more accessible to practitioners of an Anglophone style of political theory. The variety of books in political theory examined in the Reviews section of the journal also helps to promote understanding and dialogue between differing styles of political theory.

The international reach of the journal has been underpinned by our appointment of John Maynor as an additional Associate Editor in the USA. He joins Avigail Eisenberg and Geoffrey Stokes as Associate Editors, who are active points of contact for *Contemporary Political Theory* in North America and Australasia. We are grateful for their excellent work, just as we are



appreciative of the sterling work undertaken by Board members. We have been impressed by the enthusiasm and industry of members of the Board in attending meetings and contributing to discussions there, and in undertaking promotional and refereeing work for the journal. Board members have consistently backed and promoted the openness and pluralism of the journal.

The impact of *Contemporary Political Theory* is evidenced in the rising level of citations of its articles. *Google Scholar* shows how its articles are being cited increasingly. Our opening feature article by David Held, for instance, 'Globalization, Corporate Practice and Cosmopolitan Social Standards', has been cited widely in scholarly publications.

The prospects for the journal and its record over the past 4 years received a positive endorsement from a recent review in the *Times Higher Education Supplement*, which concluded, '...there is every reason to expect this journal to make the grade'. James Tully has also commented, '*Contemporary Political Theory* has risen at an astonishing rate to become one of the leading political theory journals in the English-speaking world'. Moreover, Bert van den Brink has observed how 'the journal has rapidly gained a high status in the field of political theory and political philosophy'. We aim to ensure that *Contemporary Political Theory* develops its status as a major international forum for the various forms of political theory that are practised today.

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