

# Introductory Note

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With the present issue of *Symposion: Theoretical and Applied Inquiries in Philosophy and Social Sciences*, we continue and improve an itinerary started in 2003 with the Romanian journal *Symposion – Revistă de științe socio-umane* (*Symposion – A Journal of Humanities*) by adding new roadways and fortifying its ground by enlarging the team of remarkable scholars and editors that will work in the service of its mission.

Now, the new *Symposion* goes beyond Romania's borders, heading towards the four cardinal points of the globe. As its predecessor, the journal opens its pages to different fields of philosophical and scientific investigation: from aesthetics, philosophy of art, epistemology and philosophy of science, logic, ethics, hermeneutics, rhetoric, history of philosophy, metaphysics, metaphilosophy, philosophy of religion, philosophy of mind to cognitive science, anthropology, history and cultural studies, communication and media studies, economics, law, psychology, sociology, education, social work, and political sciences.

Although the first issue gathers papers mainly from philosophy, *Symposion* wishes to offer researchers in all the above-mentioned fields a new environment, favourable to original contributions, discussions, debates, and critical opinions.

The editorial board is committed to continue to promote Romanian contributions in humanities and social sciences and also to continuously improve *Symposion*, making it attractive to as many philosophers and social and political scientists as possible and observing the highest quality standards for philosophical and scientific research.

The idea of opening *Symposion* to contributions from all over the world and from different areas of research emerged a few years ago, when our Institute issued *Logos & Episteme. An International Journal of Epistemology*, which, as its title suggests, was primarily dedicated to publishing inquiries in the field of epistemology. The editorial board noticed that, due to this limitation, many interesting, original and well-written contributions submitted to *Logos & Episteme* had to be rejected on the ground of not fitting in the scope of the journal. This was one of the main reasons of transforming the old *Symposion* in a new international journal destined both to welcome contributions in a larger

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area of philosophical and scientific investigation and to respond in a better way to our Institute's wider range of research interests.

The second main reason of *Symposion's* transformation was the enthusiastic feed-back that the editorial board of *Logos & Episteme* received from the philosophical community since its publication. Therefore, some of the members of the editorial board of *Logos & Episteme* that are working in our Institute decided to create a new *Symposion*, with the professed hope that it will pursue its quest for success „non numero, sed pondere" (Cicero, *De officiis*, II, 2).