

LEXICON PHILOSOPHICUM

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Editorial

This issue marks a small turning point in the development of *Lexicon Philosophicum: International Journal for the History of Texts and Ideas*.

We intend, on the one hand, to make its identity more precise, and better perceived. On the history of thought and ideas, on the history of philosophy and of cognate disciplines, on the history of learned texts and debates – that are its objects and define its scope – *Lexicon Philosophicum*, as its very name declares, has and fosters indeed a peculiar viewpoint.

Our characteristic approach is the historical study of terms and lexica: the historical study of the words certain texts are made of, and certain thoughts are conveyed by. Particular attention is devoted to learned and specialised terminology, lexica, and translations, concerning the history of philosophy and of the disciplines that in time have been more tightly connected to coeval philosophical debates.

This strong relation of learned terminology and history of ideas properly defines the specific nature of *Lexicon* as the flagship journal of the ‘Istituto per il Lessico Intellettuale Europeo e Storia delle Idee’ of CNR. We expect that this vision will be appealing to authors and that, by focusing on the peculiarity of our journal, we will be able to assure a higher and higher quality.

On the other hand, we prepare for some novelty in our organization. Starting from the next issue, we will amply renovate the composition of the Scientific Advisory Board. Yet the originary Board represents the fountainhead of our Journal and, starting with this issue, the former members will be listed alongside the current composition, to manifest its ideal continuity. We have also installed, following a suggestion of Roberto Palaia’s, a small ‘Comitato dei garanti’ – a Wise-Persons’ Committee – composed of a few scholars who, although not actively involved in the journal, are familiar with its history and its nature as well as with its scope and interests: they are to ensure that the journal remains consistent.

Starting from the current issue, *Lexicon Philosophicum* will be co-edited by Antonio Lamarra and Enrico Pasini, who joined ILIESI in September 2020. On this occasion we would like to warmly thank Roberto Palaia, who co-edited the journal since the very first issue, for his precious and constant commitment.

Finally, we are moving toward a biannual periodicity that in our hopes will officially begin in 2022. We intend to publish both thematic and general issues, and it is



here that organizational changes converge with the revamping, or rather rediscovery, of our identity. Thematic issues will be the result either of specific Calls for Papers, or of seminars and workshops organized by ILIESI, in the venue of the grand terminological conferences that marked the activity of the Institute.

So, while submissions for ordinary issues are always open on the journal website, for the next issue (the 2021 volume), *Lexicon* launches a Call on *Superstitio*: deadline November 15th, you can find the text immediately after this editorial.

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