



## LEADING ARTICLE

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We are delighted to introduce RIFAJ's eleventh issue. As common to all May issues, the present one is a-topical and open to contributions from all areas.

To begin with, we are happy to have maintained the maturity that RIFAJ has gradually reached – extending bilingual contents and essays from non-Italian authors. A good half of our editors being involved in international projects, our intent remains to improve and integrate our research net with analogous European institutions. This development is matched with a brand-new graphics that renovates our journal.

The refereed articles for this issue display a commonality of interests in philosophy of language, but address quite different topics. Maria Teresa Bradascio, in “La nozione di analiticità e conoscenza a priori in Frege e Quine” (The notion of analyticity in Frege and Quine) re-reads the well-known “Two Dogmas” critique of analyticity in light of one its most eminent opponents: Kant’s views on analytic sentences. Sebastiano Lommi explores the intersection between the authority principle and contextual relevance in his “Causal and Epistemic Relevance in Appeals to Authority”.

The issue contains three reviews, two reports and an interview from the editorial staff. Philosophy of argumentation and relations to authority make a comeback in Bianca Cepollaro’s English review of Dan Sperber’s talk “Le raisonnement come moyen de convaincre: Quand l’autorité ne suffit pas?”. Stefano Canali, on the other hand, attended and reviewed a conference in his favourite discipline, philosophy of information, at UCL.

Leda Berio interviewed Elisabetta Lalumera (Bicocca University, Milan) on the usefulness of having concepts within the psychological and philosophical tradition, taking into account eliminativist stances which do away with such problematic yet central notion, as well as their counter-objections<sup>1</sup>.

Two reviews by Matilde Aliffi and Fabio Ceravolo focus on different volumes, whose publication is however meaningful with respect to the impoverished Italian

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<sup>1</sup>Forthcoming.

market. Matilde read the essay collection *Pensare le emozioni negative* (Thinking negative emotions), edited by Christine Tappolet, Fabrice Teroni and Anita Konzelmann Ziv, that aims to highlight the importance of a theme such as negative emotions in the theoretical frame of philosophy of emotion. Fabio went through Mauro Dorato's *Che cos'è il Tempo? Einstein, Gödel e l'esperienza comune* (What is time? Einstein, Gödel and common experience).

Finally, Luca Demontis yields an account of the relations analytic philosophers bear to history of philosophy – for a long time a prominent topic in the Italian debate that recently led to the translation of the classic «Philosophy Made Simple», by Richard Popkin and Avrum Stroll. This is also Luca's very first contribution to RIFAJ. On behalf of our group we wish to thank him and hope to see more of his brilliant works.

A-topical issues of RIFAJ have always set up occasion for original contributions. This time we thought of young writer's Simone Tempia and his short story *Lo Stage* (The Internship). Witty and sarcastic, the story sets up slightly paradoxical and yet familiar circumstances, in which the protagonist takes up a dubious apprenticeship.

Martina Rosola and Martina Rovelli decided to take up new opportunities and end their participation to RIFAJ's project. We can hardly thank them enough for their precious work and effort and, needless to say, we would be more than happy to meet up again one day for new collaborations. Mattia Cozzi deserves the final acknowledgement for his unrenounceable contribution to editing and graphic layout.

Finally, it is with pleasure that we remind to our readers that the November number is going to be a thematic number: this year the topic is going to be Philosophy of Language.