



WE COME AND WE GO

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We intend to start this editorial from the point where the RIFAJ 4:2 editorial ended. In that editorial, it was said that the magazine had faced and was going to face some sort of “delocalization”: that is, the members of the editorial team, originally all students at the University of Milan, have begun to move elsewhere to study; vice versa, students from other universities have joined the team. Now, RIFAJ can count on members that study in Milan, Rome, Pisa, Tübingen, Barcelona and London. In the same editorial, we wished that the magazine could profit from the delocalization.

Now, one number afterwards, we believe we can say that the delocalization has had the effects we wished for: this number depends deeply on contributions that are, as it were, international. Articles from non-Italian students are not novelties for RIFAJ, but in this number also the interviews and, especially, the reportages have, as it will be seen, an international character. Also, in order to allow more people to get to know RIFAJ and to read the contributions, we would like to increase, from now on, the amount of contributions written both in Italian and in English. But let us go in order.

We want to thank everyone that has sent us her or his contribution, but we are particularly pleased to present the four ARTICLES that passed the peer-review procedure. First, in *Scienza e conoscenza. Sul valore del metodo scientifico*, Riccardo Luciano Appolloni takes into consideration modern science in order to try to understand whether it can constitute objective and sound knowledge. Second, *Il problema dell'individualità nelle scienze biologiche* by Anna Maria Dieli focuses on the notion of individual and, specifically, on the tendency, in philosophy, to recourse to the notion of biological individual as an incontrovertible example of individuality: the author's intent is, on the one hand, to show that the notion of biological individual is far from clear (in fact, the debate on the unit of selection, in the philosophy of biology, is quite animate), and, on the other hand, to reflect on the role that science plays in determining our ontology. Third, in *Delivering the Deadly Blow: Understanding Collective Responsibility* by Joseph Tarquin Foulkes Roberts, the author defends the idea that the concept of a Minimally Decent Samaritan by Judith Jarvis Thomson is a valuable tool for the correct ascription of responsibility to individuals from collectives. Finally, in *A Formal Analysis of the Best System Account of Lawhood*, Giovanni Cinà offers a reformulation of Lewis' Best System Account, explicitating a formal framework in which the notions of deductive system and scientific theory can be defined precisely, and then defining the concepts of simplicity, strength and balance.

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As for the BOOK REVIEWS, those are, like the articles, about various and different topics. Martina Rosola, for example, reviewed *Filosofia della sessualità* by Vera Tripodi, an introductory text to the philosophy of gender, which focuses on the metaphysics of gender, on the relationships between sex, gender and biology, on the one between the category of race and the category of gender, and eventually on the role of pornography. Mariaflavia Cascelli is the author of the review of *Filosofia contemporanea. Uno sguardo globale* edited by Tiziana Andina, composed of nine chapters written by many authors, each of which is dedicated to the state of art of a particular philosophical discipline. Finally, Mattia Cozzi's review is about *Possibile/Necessario* by Massimo Mugnai, a historical perspective on the two modal concepts.

The number includes also three INTERVIEWS. Bianca Cepollaro interviewed Nicola Spoto, post-doctoral fellow at the Penn FTD Center (Fronto-temporal Degeneration Center) in Philadelphia since 2013: the interview focuses on the role of the experimental philosopher, which is of concern to Spoto, as he dedicates to apply his own theoretical and methodological knowledge to the study of the neurological basis of neurodegenerative illnesses. Leda Berio and Stefano Canali interviewed Matteo Mameli, member of the Department of Philosophy at King's College London (since 2007), where he is the Chair of the MSc in Philosophy of Mental Disorder: starting from his recent article "Meat made us moral: a hypothesis on the nature and evolution of moral judgment" (2013), the interview then goes on about the research area Mameli is occupied in and his choice of working abroad. Of a different sort is the interview by Martina Rovelli: the multiple interview *L'Erasmus e la filosofia: università a confronto (Erasmus and Philosophy: Universities Compared)* tries to offer an overview of the ways Analytic Philosophy is taught and studied in four different European universities, seen through the eyes of students who are from the University of Milan and who have been there on Erasmus.

As reminded in the opening, the international REPORTAGES constitute a relevant part of this number. The reportage of the *Israeli Society for History and Philosophy of Science 14th Annual Conference*, held at the West Jerusalem's Bloomfield Science Museum, in Jerusalem, on 22nd December 2013, is by Fabio Ceravolo. Daniele Mario Cassaghi and Mattia Sorgon are the authors of the double reportage from London: Daniele wrote about the conference held by Daniel Clement Dennett *What if there is no hard problem with consciousness?*, and hosted by The Philosophical Society at King's College, on 13th January 2014; Mattia joined the talk by David Chalmers *Why isn't there more progress in philosophy?*, an analysis of the causes of the difference in cumulativeness of knowledge between natural/mathematical sciences and philosophy. Finally, Fabio Ceravolo, Mattia Cozzi and Mattia Sorgon collaborated to the writing of the reportage of the *Tübingen Metaphysics Workshop 2013. Existence, Truth and Fundamentality*, hosted in Tübingen, on 5th-6th June 2013.

As for the EX CATHEDRA, we want to thank Valentina Di Cataldo, who wrote for us not just one, but two philosophical short stories: *Toponomastica* and *Milonga*.

To conclude, we take the opportunity given by the editorial to notify that RIFAJ has officially been recognized as a student magazine sponsored by Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica for 2014. Also, we take the opportunity to remind to our readers that, as usually, the November number is going to be a thematic number: this year the topic is going to be Metaphysics, to which also the *Workshop on Metaphysics – A(nother) Junior-Senior Debate*, at University Roma Tre, on 26th June 2014, is dedicated (deadline: May 18th)¹. The event is organized by RIFAJ in collaboration with LabOnt Roma. Finally, we are pleased to an-

¹Further info on the dedicated website: <http://metaphysicsworkshop.wordpress.com/>.

announce the publication of *Naturalism and Constructivism in Metaethics*², a book containing the talks from *Workshop on Ethics* (June 14th 2012), organized by RIFAJ and Doié.

²<http://www.cambridgescholars.com/naturalism-and-constructivism-in-metaethics>.