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Editorial



This issue of *Philosophia Reformata* marks the beginning of a new phase in the history of our journal. In 2014 and 2018, the journal took a new turn with respect to its scope. Ever since, it has included not only Reformational philosophy but also work in the philosophy of religion, in science and religion, in the cognitive science of religion, and in analytic theology. Moreover, it now encompasses both the continental and the analytic traditions.

Henceforth, this broader scope will also be reflected in how the journal is organized. Instead of having editors and an editorial board, we decided to strive for a further division of roles, as follows: editor in chief, associate editors, book review editor and editorial assistant, editorial board, and advisory board.

As associate editors, Rik Peels and Leon de Bruin will handle new submissions by selecting reviewers, making recommendations, and obtaining decisions. They were already members of the editorial board, but as their role has now become more substantial, a brief introduction is in order.

Rik is an associate professor in the Philosophy Department and the Faculty of Religion and Theology at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He is currently leading a European Research Council–funded project on the epistemology and ethics of fundamentalism.¹ In addition to that, Rik is a board member of the Abraham Kuyper Center for Science and the Big Questions and co-leader—with René van Woudenberg and Jeroen de Ridder—of a Templeton World Charity Foundation–funded project on epistemic progress in the university. He is known for his work in the ethics of belief, on ignorance, on scientism, and on various issues in the philosophy of religion.

Leon is an associate professor of philosophy of cognition and language at Radboud University (Nijmegen, the Netherlands), and a senior fellow in the Philosophy Department at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. His research focuses on embodied cognition and its philosophical and empirical ramifications, in particular in the field of neuroscience and psychiatry. He

¹ See www.extremebeliefs.com.

is currently working on a project on translation that addresses the question of how to translate findings from fundamental neuroscientific research into psychiatric practice and vice versa. He is a member of the Neurotech2040 think tank, which aims to identify the most important scientific and societal challenges in neurotechnology in the near future,² and editor in chief of *Philosophical Explorations*.

The role of the editorial board remains the same, but the team has been expanded. We are happy to welcome four new members: Gloria Frost (University of St. Thomas, United States), Dolores Griffin Morris (University of South Florida, United States), Klaas Kraay (Ryerson University, Canada), and Meghan Page (Loyola University Maryland, United States). Members of the editorial board are invited to temporarily adopt the role of associate editor by serving as editor of a special issue.

The advisory board has also been considerably expanded. We are proud that we found the following scholars enthusiastic to join our team: Harriet Baber (University of San Diego, United States), Helen De Cruz (Saint Louis University, United States), Thomas Flint (University of Notre Dame, United States), Daniel Howard-Snyder (Western Washington University, United States), Kate Kirkpatrick (University of Oxford, United Kingdom), Jonathan Kvanvig (Washington University, United States), Tim Mawson (University of Oxford, United Kingdom), Nancey Murphy (Fuller Theological Seminary, United States), and Tim O'Connor (Indiana University, United States).

This expansion of our editorial and advisory boards issues from, among other things, our commitment to diversity. We believe that it is not only morally right to pursue such diversity but also epistemically fruitful. By having more balanced boards with both men and women, people from different denominations and faith traditions, and—something that still demands growth—white people and people of color, we are better equipped to deal with the intellectual, philosophical, and societal challenges that Christianity faces today.

One of the core members of our team, Jeroen de Ridder, had to step back because of various new and time-consuming responsibilities. We thank Jeroen for all the work he has done for this journal and for the excellent, accurate, broad-minded, realistic, and modest way in which he did it.

The mission statement that we formulated in 2014 remains the same:

Philosophia Reformata is a philosophical journal that welcomes contributions containing philosophical reflection in relation to the

² See <https://theneurotech.eu/>.

Christian tradition. Articles are broadly philosophical in nature, including interdisciplinary approaches in which philosophical reflection forms a substantive element. Contributions may focus either on philosophical themes in relation to Christianity—e.g., being, truth, knowledge, the good, religion, personhood—or on themes in the sciences, the humanities, ethics, and professional practices, also in relation to Christianity—e.g., themes relating to normativity, responsibility, care, natural and social sciences, politics, economics, environmental sciences, or technology.

For us as editors, it is a privilege to see how much is going on in the field of philosophy in relation to Christianity, also in interaction with other fields of science and the professions. With the steps we are taking, we hope to provide important new contributions to the ongoing debates.

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