

Introductory Note

In the universal silence of nature and in the calm of the senses the immortal spirit's hidden faculty of knowledge speaks an ineffable language and gives [us] undeveloped concepts, which are indeed felt, but do not let themselves be described.

I. Kant, *Universal History of Nature and Theory of the Heavens* (1755)

“Arkete”, a philosophical journal founded by Mariano Bianca in 1999, accompanied the research and work itinerary of the International Center for Theoretical Multidisciplinary Studies (THEMS) in its various phases, transforming and renewing itself over time. After a brief interruption, the magazine resumes publication in a new series, both similar and different from those that preceded it.

The most important news is that the journal is online, on the arkete.it website, so that scholars (and even simple visitors) can consult it freely. Digital diffusion will allow for greater timeliness of publication. Arkete will host articles in both Italian and English.

The underlying motivation of the thus renewed journal is to maintain a high scientific profile and to show the richness and centrality of philosophical research even in times that are not always easy for those who practice, with patience and dedication, this form of knowledge.

The new editorial structure includes a division into different sections. The first is devoted to a specific theme, chosen annually, and will collect essays solicited through the 'call for papers' system and acquired through a 'double-blind peer review'. Another section (Varia) will host studies and notes on themes and problems relevant to philosophical theorizing, with particular attention to metaphysics, ontology and philosophy of mind. The plurality of approaches, perspectives and insights that the pages of Arkete will offer will be very broad, ranging from inter- and transdisciplinary perspectives to more limited thematic nodes.

I believe that it is the task of a journal of philosophical studies to offer scholars the opportunity to give resonance to their activities and reflections. This is what Arkete wants to be, a common ground and an open space in the field of philosophical theory, which traditionally brings different fields, methodologies and approaches into dialogue.

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