

EDITORS' WORD

The present issue collects a group of articles which, given its linguistic, methodological, and thematic diversity, brings to light the exceptional vitality of Kant's philosophy, while confirming the *raison d'être* of this journal as a forum for international research.

Linguistically speaking, the articles herein published are written, in accordance with the proposed guidelines, in English, Portuguese, French, and Italian. Methodologically, several approaches are combined, namely, by resorting to a structural-thematic, historical-genetic, and comparative angle. From a thematic point of view, several relevant problems of Kant's transcendental philosophy are laboured upon, while establishing relations with natural philosophy (or cosmology), moral philosophy, philosophy of history, philosophy of art, political philosophy, and psychology/anthropology. As to the philosophical dialogues struck in these articles, we highlight the reexamination of the connections and the enrichment of the affinities between Kant and J.-J. Rousseau (1712-78), M. Mendelssohn (1729-1786), T. Abbt (1738-1766), H. Cohen (1942-1918), P. Natorp (1854-1924), L. Wittgenstein (1889-1951) e F. Kaulbach (1912-1992).

Following a temporal guiding thread, this number opens with a reevaluation of Kant's republicanism, in the framework of the French revolutionary republicanism, and with special stress on Rousseau's perspectives, by A. Durão: "Cidadania e Representação na Constituição Republicana de Kant". Focusing on the *ethos* and the self-determining efficacy of human nature, G. Ferreira situates the notion of perfectibility between Mendelssohn, Abbt e Kant ("Progresso e Perfeição na Filosofia de Kant"). Following are two articles devoted to Kant's anthropology: one of a fundamental nature, on the practical-theoretical status of Anthropology (by M. Kiener: "A Antropologia Prática é Complementar ou Conflitante em Relação à Moral *a priori*?"), and another one of a more applied character, revisiting the problem of anthropological unity/diversity and the problematic tension between hierarchical and equalitarian views of "race" within Kant's work, and the debate around Kant's racism (O. Mballo: *Le cosmopolitisme kantien à l'épreuve de ses préjugés racistes*). In their article, entitled *Sistematicidad en la filosofía crítica como doctrina de la sabiduría en "Anuncio de la próxima conclusión de un tratado de paz perpetua en la filosofía" by Kant*, N. Quiroga e P. Chang show how the critical system is a work of constructive and pacifying rationality which therefore transcends the formal logic of theoretical reason and is manifested under the sign of wisdom, thus confirming the primacy of practical reason. By clarifying the way Kant apprehends the *human logos* and its reception

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in H. Cohen and P. Natorp, L. Imperato analyses and relates the epistemic functions of Logic and Psychology as nuclear disciplines in the transcendental project: “*La presenza di Kant nella psicologia ricostruttiva di Natorp*”. The spontaneity of *logos* in *praxis* is the seat of the human by excellence, who, in the world, transcends the world, thus envisaging a new episode of the most promising and stimulating philosophical gigantomachies, opposing and composing Kant and Wittgenstein: I. Basso, “Two Kantian Issues within Wittgenstein’s *Tractatus: Autonomy of the Will and Duty*.” Lastly, in an honourable and well-deserved tribute to F. Kaulbach and his (much neglected) career of rigorous and original Kantian exegesis, A. Branca chooses the “disposition of space” as an instigating category for meta-analysis “*Sentire – l’io Annotazioni su dimensione estetica e corporeità in Kaulbach e Kant*”).

We hope the Kantian community may appreciate this new issue and wish that 2024 may be an extraordinary year for philosophical research and creation, under the sign of the celebration of the tricentennial anniversary of Kant’s birth (1724-1804), whose critical method and attitude remain a genuine fulguration of philosophizing humanity, engaged with truth, good, beauty, hope and peace!

Finally, we are pleased to announce that the *Revista Estudos Kantianos* will celebrate Kant’s anniversary in its own way through the publication of a special issue in April 2024 with a broad and diverse body of authors representing some of the best international Kantian research today.

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