

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The current issue of *Estudos Kantianos* presents a total of 18 precious scientific contributions. The first 16—authored by João Carlos Brum Torres, Andrea Faggion, Marcos César Seneda, Christian Klotz, Verlaine Freitas, Bernardo Barros Oliveira, Luiz Camillo Osório, Sílvia Faustino de Assis Saes, Vladimir Vieira and Pablo Muchnik—are the product of scholars who belong to different generations, who come from different countries and are all widely acknowledged by the regularity and unique reach of their philosophical activities. The articles now published are a representative part of the future *Kantian Electronic Lexicon in Portuguese Language* [*Léxico Kantiano Eletrônico em Língua Portuguesa*], an endeavor which was launched in mid-2015 and congregates tens of Brazilian and Portuguese collaborators, as well as German, Argentinian, Spanish, Italian and North-American scholars. That which is herein published—an initiative to be resumed in the next issues of *Estudos Kantianos*—is but a part of the material which has been and is still being made available to the editors of the work [Leonel Ribeiro dos Santos and Ubirajara Rancan de Azevedo Marques].

The project of a *Léxico Kantiano Eletrônico em Língua Portuguesa* is justified especially by the development of Kantian studies in Portuguese-speaking countries, namely Brazil and Portugal, in the past decades. The maturity therein attained, patent in the volume and quality of production, allows for the advancement towards a new stage of collaboration between Portuguese-speaking Kantian scholars. As such, the project shall contribute towards the semantic enrichment of the Portuguese language, enabling the latter to experience an important moment of creative assimilation of the semantic content of Kant's language.

While it is true that Portuguese and Brazilian Kantian scholars have long stood in joint and collaborative activity, it is no less true that several elements of both these communities have attained an ample, growing, regular penetration in the Kantian international scene since the 80s, through talks, conferences, articles, book chapters, full works edited and published in different countries, a production which justifies the acknowledgement of the Kantian work undertaken in Brazil and Portugal.

Furthermore, at the core of such movements there grew the natural disposition of a remarkable group of Brazilian and Portuguese specialists to translate not only Kant's most justifiably renowned works, but also a vast array of his remaining writings. In this framework supported by clarifications, analyses, commentaries and translations from the German and Latin of writings of the Kantian *corpus*, it stands as a spontaneous demand that the attempts

to render into Portuguese the transcendental philosophy are subject to a progressive linguistic refinement. Facing this very positive and long-established state of things, the project of a *Léxico Kantiano Eletrônico em Língua Portuguesa* is, if I am not mistaken, a—to a certain extent—*natural* endeavor, the attainment of which is more than adequately brought about by the existing conditions. But not only that, it is first and foremost a precious contribution be it to the study of critical philosophy, to its understanding in Portuguese language and the very vocabulary which expresses it in the vernacular, or to the consolidation of the philosophical and hermeneutical efforts of two, perhaps three generations of Brazilian and Portuguese Kantian scholars directly involved with such a legacy. As such, then, the Lexicon at hand shall be a clear testimony of the worldwide scientific maturity attained by the Lusitanian-Brazilian community in the scope of Kantian studies.

Also in the current issue, the nr. 2 of volume VI of *Estudos Kantianos*, referring to the period of July to December 2018, are articles by Luciana Martínez and Leandro Rocha, two very talented scholars devoted to the study, commentary and interpretation of Kant's work.

I would also like to announce with special satisfaction the inclusion, from this number onwards, of a fourth Associate Editor of *Estudos Kantianos*: Dr. Fernando Silva, from the Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon, who has long been enriching the pages of this periodical.

In July 2018 *Estudos Kantianos* obtained scientific certification from the Italian Ministry for University and Scientific Research in the domain of Philosophy. In the framework of the evaluation undertaken by the ministerial commissions which confer national scientific qualification (*Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale – ASN*) to candidates for the position of university professor, such a certification renders legally valid any contribution published by Italian scholars in *Estudos Kantianos*.

I thank all the authors who now publish in *Estudos Kantianos*. I also thank the various colleagues, Brazilians and foreign, who accepted to examine and issue opinions on the originals received by the journal.

To the reader, I wish an enjoyable reading!