

## [LETTER FROM THE EDITORS]

Dear Reader,

We are proud to present the Journal of Political Thought and welcome you into its pages.

The Journal is dedicated to exploring the theoretical accounts and normative dimensions of political life. Our publication showcases original undergraduate and graduate work in political thought, broadly conceived to encompass philosophy, political science, sociology, history, legal studies, and economics. In elevating awareness and discussion of political thought within the university, the journal aims to provide a forum for students to critically engage classic intellectual traditions and contemporary voices alike. And by thinking deeply about power, rights, justice, and governance at-large, we aim to gain a richer sense of what it means to live morally and collectively.

In the first piece of our inaugural issue, J.A. Rudinsky examines America's public philosophy of education in the context of liberalism's intellectual genealogy. From his simultaneously historical and applied perspective, Rudinsky formulates a critique of liberal neutrality from the standpoint of liberalism itself, and explores the role of education in shaping the moral foundations of a liberal society.

In our second piece, Carmen Dege explores the differing interpretations of humanism in the works of Louis Althusser, Paul Sartre, and Michel Foucault. Dege works to situate Foucault's work between that of Sartre and Althusser, arguing that Foucault provides a unique reconciliation of the humanist controversy. In doing so, Dege sheds light on how we might understand Foucault's final work in ethics and reconsiders how a metaphysical account of the human subject might be squared with immanent social critique.

In our third piece, Benjamin Marrow contributes to a debate at the intersection of the philosophy of mind and rational choice theory concerning the epistemological status of metapreferences. Critically surveying existing literature, Marrow contends that a new philosophical conception of metapreferences sheds light on the complicated relationship between preferences, rationality, and self-interest.

In our interview feature, Michael Walzer reflects on his career as a political theorist and offers commentary on a wide range of political issues. First, Walzer explores the interplay between identity and political theory, while reflecting on his own personal narrative. Next, Walzer comments on the state of political theory today, discussing the evolution of the field, methodological commitments, and contemporary trends. Lastly, Walzer explores the idea of the nation-state, discussing how it might navigate the overlapping challenges posed by religion and ethnicity.

We hope you enjoy.

Sincerely,  
The Editorial Board

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