

Preface

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Theoria and Praxis: International Journal of Interdisciplinary Thought*. The purpose of the journal is to explore the relationship that exists between the main issues within contemporary social theory and its application and challenge to the context and practice of the social sciences. The editorial team is quite proud of the range and scope of the papers presented herein under the thematic title: *The Political*. The authors seek to deal with the multifarious challenges posed by the problem of “the political” as open to interpretation and dialogue from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Gavin Rae in his *Violence, Territorialization and Signification: The Political from Carl Schmitt and Gilles Deleuze* examines the concept of the political in Schmitt and Deleuze and argues for the centrality of both the friend-enemy distinction as well as violence, territorialization and signification as existing at the heart of the political. *Between Enemies and Friends: Carl Schmitt, Melanie Klein and the Passion(s) of the Political* by Isaac D. Balbus explores the psychoanalytic groundings of Schmitt’s political perspective through the use of the thought of Melanie Klein. In *From Le Savant et le Politique to Le Savant et le Populaire*, Derek Robbins explores the relationship between Raymond Aron and Max Weber’s 1918 lectures on politics and science. Finally, João Pedro Cachopo, *Disagreeing Before Acting: The Paradoxes of Critique from Adorno to Ranciere*, investigates the “paradoxical character of critique” as a possible obstacle to “theoretical and practical effectiveness” as well as a possibility.

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