

FOREWORD

The journal *Veritas* celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. This is a special moment for a journal that initially was a vehicle for literary, artistic, philosophical and scientific ideas. This is also a unique occasion for the institution that made every effort to originate it and keep it going: Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul.

Both the national and international scientific communities acknowledge, and are grateful for, the presence of *Veritas'* authors and their remarkable contribution to the world of letters and ideas.

The journal *Veritas* was founded in 1955 by the efforts and the resolve of a small but select group of PUCRS professors under the firm guidance of then-President Brother José Otão. It was, at the time, the university's highest form of cultural and scientific achievement.

As the years went by, and through the praiseworthy work of its managers, editors, secretaries and editorial boards, the journal channeled its wisdom and research into Philosophy, which became its focus.

The journal *Veritas* has a thought-provoking name, the Latin word for the noun "truth". At the dawn of western Philosophy, the term "*alētheia*" is related to the concepts of "*dóxa*" and "*epistēme*" and stimulated the thinkers who first gave impetus to philosophical thought, like Parmenides, Plato, Aristotle, Epicurus, Sextus Empiricus and Lucretius.

The engrossing character of the term "truth" cuts across all periods of philosophical thought and is still challenging twenty-first century thinkers. Professor Claudio de Almeida's project for commemorating the journal's fifty years with a special issue on *Perspectives in Contemporary Epistemology* is a timely and commendable one.

The works of such accomplished representatives of contemporary epistemology, both national and international, make our journal proud and ennobled.

To all of them, both present and past, I extend my deepest gratitude for their invaluable contribution. Without them, *Veritas* would be no more than a fallacy.

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(Translated by Claudio de Almeida)

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