

Preface

We are delighted to present the eighth edition (Issue 2) of *Rerum Causae*, the student journal of the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method at the London School of Economics and Political Science. This volume contains five works presented at the 4th annual LSE-Bayreuth Student Philosophy Conference taken place 12-13 May 2016 in Bayreuth, Germany.

This volume will begin with Levinia Scotti's analysis of the compatibility of mood-enhancing drugs with the conception of self-respect as uncompromised self-acceptance. Chelsea Murtha then argues in her essay that governments must adopt pragmatic subjectivism to incorporate attributes and values into policy-making, but only those which are robust, subjective and reason-grounding. Danielle Scheil presents a critique of Collingwood's method of history based on the theory of linguistic relativism. These are followed by Hana Schübel's paper where she considers the relation between prediction and explanation as the two aims of economics. Finally, this issue will end with Lu Yucheng's paper on the Socratic paradox and its impact on our understanding of punishment.

By publishing outstanding works by students from both LSE and University of Bayreuth, we hope to present the different philosophy scenes in both universities. We also hope to encourage our readers to participate in the next LSE-Bayreuth Student Philosophy Conference.

The Editors