

Preface

We are delighted to present the ninth edition (Volume 1) 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 by students enrolled in our undergraduate and graduate degrees and an interview with Professor Simon Glendinning.

This volume begins with three papers on ethics. Lu Yuchen tries to justify the State in restricting individuals' access to drugs by appealing to the Principle of Legal Paternalism. Previn Desai argues against a legal right to euthanasia. Andreas Sorger argues for a morally relevant distinction between innocent threats and bystanders. The last two papers deviates from the analytic philosophy familiar to many of us. In the first, Antone Christianson-Galina discusses the relationship between communication and power. In the second, Julia Regier argues that Poulain de la Barre and van Schurman can't be considered as feminists because of their use of naturalness-based evidence and stereotypes. This volume closes with an interview with Professor Simon Glendinning where he talks about the distinction between analytic and continental philosophy.

We had a broad submission pool for this volume, which has demonstrated to us the diversity of our students and their interests. We hope that the essays we decided to publish will adequately reflect this and, most of all, thrill you on both an intellectual and emotional level.

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The Editors