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We are delighted to present the ninth edition (Issue 2) of *Rerum Causae*, the student journal of the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method at LSE. This volume contains seven works presented at the 5th annual LSE-Bayreuth Student Philosophy Conference taken place 11-12 May 2017 at LSE.

This volume begins with Jacob Metz's paper where he gives an egalitarian defense for the state to require motorcyclists to wear helmets. Lukas Beck then argues for the separateness of economics as a special science under an externalist interpretation of Rational Choice Theory. Lena Dominici, argues that morality can't be explained as a social contract. Nikolas F. Mattheis's paper argues against Quong's argument that left-libertarians can't reconcile its two core commitment, self-ownership and equality. Clarissa Busch tries to resolve the tension between two different views on the relationship between internal and external validity. Marcel Jahn argues against the unrestricted applicability of disjunction elimination. This volume closes with Nathaniel F. Sussman's discussion on the interpretation of Einstein's *Chasing the Light* thought experiment where he claims that it should be thought of as Einstein's first attempt at problematizing the idea of the electromagnetic ether.

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

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The Editors