

Preface

Befitting the seventh edition of *Rerum Causae* from the London School of Economics and Political Science, we are delighted to present to you a glimpse of the works of philosophy by the students enrolled in our undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

This edition will begin with philosophy of science, as Luc Batty gives you an account of the pointlessness of separating meaningful and meaningless sentences according to verificationist theory. Matthew Clark will then take you to political philosophy by introducing the current debates in just war theory and the moral liability of individuals during war time. Bradley Hillier-Smith's essay questions the moral permissibility of receiving the benefits of someone else's sacrifice. Lina Salih then argues that the addition of John Locke's "non-waste" principle to Robert Nozick's theory of entitlement results in a more liberal intellectual property rights, especially with respect to patents. Finally, Bastian Steuwer will take you to the inconsistency of two key examples from Robert Nozick's entitlement theory of justice.

At the LSE, philosophy is bustling with vivacity and energy. We had a broad submission pool for this edition, and we hope that these essays reflect the diversity of the students and their range of interests, as well as the real world approach of the philosophy department. We hope that you enjoy this edition of the *Rerum Causae*.

The Editors