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We are delighted to present the eighth 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 ten works by students enrolled in our undergraduate and graduate degrees and an interview with Dr. Alex Voorhoeve.

This volume will begin with four papers on ethics and moral philosophy. Samuel Mitchell Altmann defends, in a novel fashion, Singer's Argument from Marginal Cases from the Argument from Species Normality. Samuel Ebert has you reconsider whether it is permissible to kill a non-responsible threat. William Wildi leads you to explore the boundaries of moral blameworthiness with a series of thought experiments that involve multiple attempted murders. Anna Bartsch forcefully defends the proposition that even the most unalloyed form of racial profiling is racist. These are then followed by a brief digression into political philosophy, as Guillaume Paugam and Thomas Tozer both reevaluate certain aspects of Rawlsian theory: Guillaume looks at the incentive justification for income inequality and Thomas the relationship between justice and moral constructivism. Two essays on the philosophy of economics will then pick up where Guillaume Thomas leaves off, as David Coombs discusses incentivised donation as a solution to kidney shortage and Noémie Roten presents a perfectionist adjunction to egalitarian concerns in the fair distribution of healthcare. Luke Lattanzi-Silveus will subsequently take you to the realm of philosophy of science with his paper on Copernican theory, where he questions whether Copernicus provided an account of ob-

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servational evidence better than that of Ptolemy and his successors. Meredith Diane Lockman will then present her paper on theology, in which she argues that the gift analogy should be properly interpreted as condemning suicide. Finally, the issue will end with an interview with Dr. Alex Voorhoeve.

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.

The Editors