



## Editorial

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*Contemporary Political Theory* is now celebrating five years in print with this first issue of volume six. We, the editors are very pleased at the journal's progress. Institutional subscriptions continue to rise steadily, the increase in the number of issues per volume has proved to be successful and the journal's quality is well recognized. We aim to reach an editorial decision on all submissions within three months. Our average 'turnaround time' for 2006 was two months and twenty-one days. We set out to establish a lively, broad-ranging journal of contemporary political theory, which reflects the subject's variety, vitality and quality. We believe we have achieved our aims and look forward to developing the journal further in succeeding years.

We aim to keep in touch with readers and contributors and we would like to acknowledge the support we receive from Board members across the globe. We have had meetings of the Board at recent conferences in Oxford, England and Philadelphia, USA and at these meetings we have listened to and acted upon constructive suggestions for refining our procedures and for reaching out to prospective authors. Our regular features, *Political Theory Revisited* and *Theory and Practice*, continue to provide focuses for interesting contributions, serving on the one hand to show how political theory can interrogate and illuminate contemporary issues; and on the other hand, to point up the relevance of the past to changing times. In recent issues practical politics relating to 9/11, indigenous peoples and the headscarf case in France have been theorized and theorists such as Merleau-Ponty, Locke, Bergson and Oakeshott have been revisited.

We are pleased to have secured an international status for the journal. Significant contributions to the journal have been made by celebrated international scholars such as Joan Tronto, Benjamin Barber, Nancy Fraser, Jean Elshtain, Moira Gatens, Pauline Johnson, Paul Patton, Conal Condren, Bruno Latour, Philippe Mengue, David Held and Takeshi Nakano. Board members and theorists more generally recognize the consistent quality of the articles in *Contemporary Political Theory*, reflected in citations of its articles and visits to its website.

We are planning to continue to develop the journal and hope to add to its quality by undertaking the occasional interview with leading political theorists. We are also delighted to welcome Wei Xiaoping, Philosophy Institute, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, to the Editorial Board. We are very grateful to the continued support we receive from the academic community, notably for the invaluable work of referees who review all the articles in the journal.

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