

Editorial Note

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It is with regret that we have to announce that Simon Kirchin has resigned as an Associate Editor. Simon was the last of the first generation of ETMP's Associate Editors. He served the journal for more than 8 years. Simon was not only a nice colleague but also a very efficient and fast working editor. He was the *trait d'union* between ETMP and the British Society for Ethical Theory whose President he now is. In his correspondence with authors, Simon's tone was always friendly and constructive. Authors whose submission was rejected without review, often received a personal comment from Simon, with some useful suggestions. We are happy that Simon found a worthy successor in the person of Lisa Bortolotti of Birmingham University.

Authors whose paper was already accepted, may have noticed that it took considerable time before their paper was included in an issue, often more than a year. Our publisher now has adopted the policy that papers may no longer stay 'online-first' than 1 year. To get rid of the backlog, Springer gave us extra page budget, in addition to the already increased annual budget of 900 pages. This makes it possible for us to promise that all online-first papers from 2012 will be published in this volume.

This issue contains 14 articles and 2 book reviews. Too much to summarise in an editorial note. A good reason to end what had become a tradition; a tradition, however, that already had lost its meaning in a time in which only downloads of articles count and an issue only has a virtual existence.

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