

Editor's Note

The present issue of *OtherWise* has been a long time coming, to say the least. The organization behind *OtherWise*, the Philosophy Student Association (based at Kennesaw State University), has been on an arduous but rewarding road toward resurgence after a year of suspended animation. We were confident that this suspension—brought about by a sometimes baffling convergence of factors large and small—would ultimately prove the gestation period preceding a rebirth; and indeed, the past year has demonstrated the veracity of this prognostication. But rebirth is a gradual and delicate process. However enthusiastic our efforts or tenacious our mindset, we could only do so much at a time. Somewhere in between our pulling together a crew of men and women to help run the next generation of the PSA, hosting the phenomenal *Mike Ryan Lecture Series* with its line-up of fabulous speakers, planning the 6th annual *North Georgia Student Philosophy Conference* at KSU, and doing all this sans any show of support from what might honestly be called a downright hostile university administration, the time needed for assembling another, and long overdue, issue of *OtherWise* seemed to constantly escape us.

In the end, though, we finally came through. I am happy to be able to present to you, as a significant part of our rebirth, the second issue of *OtherWise*.

We are now publishing *OtherWise* outside the auspices of KSU. I like to think of this as further evidence of our rebirth. From our beginning as a journal made strictly within the confines of the university system, we have expanded. We have shown that we have learned to walk on our own and have learned to do so without losing either our keen interest in promoting student work or our characteristic eclecticism.

This eclecticism is reflected in the group of papers shared herein. Kristina McCracken reflects on the often whispered about association between Nietzsche and the Nazis, arguing that the Nietzschean vision of the *Übermensch* is one that is firmly inimical to that of “superior man” extolled by the Fascist movement. Paul Boshears offers his musings on Thomas Mann’s novel *The Magic Mountain* and what it has to say when read with Jaspers’ *Existenzphilosophie* in mind. Taking us to the East, Sohee Kim evaluates the Confucian attitude toward social relations between the sexes and examines other historical and social factors that have contributed to its being perceived—mistakenly, she asserts—as misogynistic. Han-Han Yang complements this with a close look at the Confucian writer Xunzi, considering what his insights into human nature might show us about the functions and purposes of human community.

It is very fitting that it is these papers that have come to us at this time. While the publication of this issue is a stretching of our muscles under a newfound freedom and sense of growth, the pieces featured in it likewise resound, each in their own way, with the promise of growth in the near future. We are glad to be a part of these authors’ journeys! But of course, that is why we began *OtherWise* in the first place: to foster and encourage students in their philosophical developments. We celebrate

this present moment of accomplishment for us all, and celebrate too where we've come from, and where we will go.

—Justin Downey