Dear readers:

With great satisfaction, we are opening 2010 year with this special issue, "Psychoanalysis and Philosophy: possible dialog?" with 15 studies: five articles, nine dossier texts and one experience report.

Here we are addressing the representativity of two areas of the knowledge field: psychoanalysis and philosophy. In the dialogues outlined in this special issue, several authors have brought their contributions from different places and countries: Uruguay, Brazil and England. With this, we could devise an opening cover for the journal representing psychoanalysts and philosophers of the involved areas, discussed in several papers in this number: Jacques Lacan, Sigmund Freud, Michel Foucault, Gilles Deleuze and Friedrich Nietzsche, as a link among these authors in this puzzle.

In the supposedly dialogs involving the psychoanalysts and philosophers cited above, we could present a mosaic where all of them circulate. In the central area of the mosaic is a question similar to a puzzle: we have asked to ourselves how to find a possible dialogue among the readings of these figures, from the perspective of psychoanalysis and philosophy in our daily lives; we also wonder whether it's possible the joining of the two areas in the various fields of knowledge.

The mosaic of the opening was made using psychoanalysts and philosophers’ photos gotten through a Google\(^1\) search, by Fernando Gracioli a professional of design and creation, who created and assembled the final art. We would like to thank him for the collaboration.

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\(^1\) [http://www.google.com](http://www.google.com)
We would also like to thank Ana Maria Fernandez (Universidad de la República), for the collaboration and organization of the "Dossier". Throughout the organizing process, we stayed connected borderland (Brazil-Uruguay) for the receipt of manuscripts of this special issue. And finally, we thank Dr. Silvio Gallo for the presentation of this important number.

The first work of the "Articles" is written by Cesar Donizetti Pereira Leite (UNESP) and is entitled "Experience, childhood and education: what goes on while walking ..." In order to reflect about education within the condition that it is related with the possibility of production of meaning and ways of being. Considering that this occur in spaces and situations that cause moments of agreements and disagreements among bodies, histories, needs and feelings, the author chooses as a starting point discourses of philosophy, in dialogue with psychoanalysis.

Following, the article "Philosophy and Psychoanalysis: disjunctive points", Daniel Revah (UNIFESP), consider a few points separating Philosophy and Psychoanalysis and deals with (im) possibilities of dialogue between both.

The third article, by Robert D. Hishenlwood (Centre for Psychoanalytic Studies and University of Essex / England): "Natural ethics and informed consent", in which he explores how psychoanalysis could contribute to a natural ethics based on psychological development inherent to a moral conscience.

Alexandre Filordi de Carvalho (UNIFESP) brings us the article "Philosophy and Psychoanalysis: an exercise to pinch (with) analysis from Nietzsche and Freud," which aims to maintain that it is possible an approximation of Philosophy to Psychoanalysis, taking as a point of dialogue the thoughts of Freud and Nietzsche.

And, closing the section, we have the article of Andrea Diaz Genis (Universidad de la Republica): "Ancient philosophy as ‘the soul therapeutics’: antecedent of psychoanalysis?” which recovers the ancient tradition of self-care, linking philosophy and psychoanalysis.

The "Dossier" begins with the presentation of Ana María Fernández (Universidad de la República) with: "In dialogue with the dossier articles of psychoanalysis
and philosophy: is there a possible dialogue?”. Starting from the subject of this issue, conducts a dialogue among some authors of the dossier, having as a reference works of some areas that present problems of psychoanalysis through the work of Foucault.

Next, we have the work "Radical effects of an encounter, the contingent, and the inevitable", by Alba Fernández and Adrián Villalba (both from the Universidad de la República). The authors, when questioning whether the dialogue between philosophy and psychoanalysis is possible, propose the establishment of questions that keep these areas related to each other.

In the third text "Sigmund Freud: beyond the modernity principle" the author, Marcelino Vieira (University of Michigan), proposes to address the work of Freud as if it were far from its historical time, following the French philosopher Jacques Rancière’s thought.

Marianella Lorenzo (Uruguayan Association of Psychoanalytical Psychotherapy), with the text "On the ‘instant’ and the category of possibility” presents possible relationships between the category of immediate (Kierkegaard) and some points of the Lacanian theory.

We can find in "Oedipus of Foucault is not the Oedipus of Freud", by Marcelo Ricardo Pereira (Federal University of Minas Gerais) that, unlike Freud, Foucault establishes an historicized Oedipus, at the time of the change of probation regime to the survey system regime, culminating in what he called "the test" - the laconic name that he gives to humanities.

In "What philosophy of psychoanalysis is and what it is not", Richard Theisen Simanke (Federal University of São Carlos), presents a short history of the relationship between psychoanalysis and philosophy, followed by some comments on the emergence of philosophy of biology, which can be regarded as model for what happens today with philosophy of psychoanalysis. It seeks to make a brief presentation of the research in the Philosophy of Psychoanalysis area.

Mauro Marchese (Asociación Civil Signo), presents "An experience of the unreason", where he considers the question whether Psychoanalysis began as an enterprise with the purpose of medicalising the sexual body, and thus, that it is part of a discipline. For
this, the author took into account some of the comments made by Frédéric Gros about the concept of sexuality in the Foucault’s work.

"A tiny ethic on some turns related to event”, Gonzalo Percovich (École Lacanienne de Psychanalyse) proposes to pass through some features of the concept of event, the central concept of the Stoic theory, highlighting as different basis the thoughts of the philosophers Gilles Deleuze and Michel Foucault.

And lastly, we have the text written by Carlos Etchegoyhen (Medical Union of Uruguay), " Alcibiades and agalma: a Jacques Lacan platonic momentum", which brings us the return that Philippe Julien and Danielle Arnoux make about the examination performed by Jacques Lacan on the platonic dialogue "The Banquet," which he claims to be the longest and most ancient known description of psychoanalytical transfer.

The "Experience Report" closes this number with the work of Francisca Paula Toledo Monteiro and Regina Maria de Souza (both from UNICAMP): "The tension of teaching under the (im) power of control”, a case study - with the theoretical support of Sigmund Freud (Psychoanalysis) and Michel Foucault (Philosophy) – of a child with "learning difficulties".

This number, full of diversified works written by authors from several institutions, brings us the opportunity to increase our knowledge through the presentation of dialogues and theories involving psychoanalysts and contemporary philosophers, who celebrate the possible contract between the mentioned areas.

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