

PRESENTATION

The seventh volume of the online journal of philosophy *Forum. Supplement to Acta Philosophica*, corresponding to the year 2021, is published according to the sequence that the journal will follow in the future, at the end of the first half of the following year. *Forum*, in fact, has as one of its main purposes to publicise the activities carried out each year in the School of Philosophy of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross. Its 'yearbook' character requires a necessary time for preparation of the final version of the various contributions and editorial work.

Once again this year the number of published contributions is limited by circumstances, which have forced a significant reduction in the School public activities. These are, however, contributions that we hope will be favourably received, given their depth and quality.

The volume opens with the *Lectio magistralis* given by Prof. Rémi Brague on the occasion of the awarding of the "Antonio Jannone" International Philosophy Prize on Thursday 25 November 2021.

The Jannone Prize had its origins in the extensive scientific activity of Msgr. Antonio Jannone (Lauro di Nola 1906 – Rome 2007), an Aristotelian scholar, former professor at the Sorbonne. In 2001 the Prize was entrusted by him to the Faculty of Philosophy of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross. Since then, it has been awarded every three years to a scholar of classical thought of recognised international prestige. It has been received, among others, by Jacques Brunschvig, Giovanni Reale, Enrico Berti and Terence Irwin.

In the 2021 edition, the prize was awarded to Prof. Rémi Brague (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne), known for having elaborated from a profound knowledge of the classical world a new understanding of the intellectual journey of the West, and of the relationship between faith and reason, the sacred and the mundane. His *Lectio magistralis*, "From Prudence to Providence and back again"

is here published in the original French text and in the Italian version in which it was delivered by him at the award ceremony.

Two studies, by Flavia Farina, on virtue as a disposition to suffer from Book II of Nicomachean Ethics, and by Juan A. Mercado, "Desire, Purpose, and the meaningful life", make up the "Studies and Seminars" section. Finally, the "Itineraries" section, dedicated to critical readings and commentaries on fundamental works of philosophy, offers three contributions. Two deal with Aristotelian topics (Antonio Malo, on the first chapter of the first book *De anima*, and Ariberto Acerbi, on chapter first chapter of Book *α* of the *Metaphysics*). A final contribution, by Benedetto Ippolito, deals with *Truth*, by Michael Dummett, in a comparison with Thomas Aquinas.