

## EDITORIAL

### CIRF - On phenomenology and its surroundings, contributions from the Italian Center for Phenomenological Research

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With this issue, Aoristo - International Journal of Phenomenology, Hermeneutics and Metaphysics (a vehicle created during the period of unequivocal development of phenomenology studies at the Universidade Estadual do Oeste do Paraná - UNIOESTE, recognized in 2013) reaffirms its vocation as a disseminator of phenomenological knowledge, especially that of German origin, in Brazil and in international extensions.

In the sense of this achievement, the current issue hosts works by columnists linked to the Centro Italiano di Ricerche Fenomenologiche - CIRF<sup>3</sup>, an institution from the study of the phenomenological school since its foundation by Edmund Husserl, as well other philosophical currents of the present and the past. As phenomenology has greatly influenced psychopathology, the CIRF also has a section on Phenomenology and Psychopathology, which is interested in the connections between these two disciplines. This section, directed by the psychiatrist and psychotherapist Prof. Luigi Aversa from Rome, has many contacts with some psychology faculties and with research centers on psychology in Brazil. A second section, called the Edith Stein Study Center, is directed by Professoressa Anna Maria Pezzella.

CIRF is a well-known center was founded in 1976 by Professor Angela Ales Bello, who is still its president today, and is affiliated with the World Phenomenology Institute, based in Hannover (USA), founded by Professor Anna Teresa Tymieniecka, who died a few years ago.

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The current board of directors of the CIRF is also composed by some professors who contributed to this issue of Aoristo: Michele D'Ambra, Nicoletta Ghigi and Anna Maria Pezzella. Enrolment at the center is open to professors, students and scholars of various disciplines. CIRF's activity has never been interrupted since its foundation and consists predominantly of monthly meetings during the academic year, largely concerning the presentation and comments of books and essays related to phenomenology, but which can also lead to other cultural contexts.

Among the CIRF's activities are also the organization of international congresses, often in collaboration with other institutions, including Brazilian ones. As a result, a Brazilian section was even created, since many members of the CIRF are professors from Brazil. The relationships with these scholars have been strengthened in the last two years due to the fact that the activities were carried out online, and this enabled the establishment of continued contacts at an international level. An example of this interaction is the present issue of the Aoristo Journal dedicated to the CIRF, which only reinforces and enriches the ties between Brazil and Italy when it comes to phenomenology studies.

With articles, essays and reviews, members of the CIRF and guests of the organizers of this edition integrate this issue on phenomenology and its surroundings, with contributions from the Italian Center for Phenomenological Research on topics related to Edmund Husserl, Edith Stein and the like. The authors published here also represent some of the most significant Italian universities and research centers: Pontificia Università Gregoriana (Rome), Pontificia Università Lateranense (Rome), Università Roma III (Rome), Università degli studi di Firenze (Florence), Università degli Studi di Messina, Università degli Studi di Perugia and the Istituto Filosofico-Theologico San Pietro di Viterbo, among others. Such writings, published in Italian, English, German and Portuguese (languages accepted by the journal) aim to provide a glimpse of the developed studies on phenomenology in Italy and are intended to contribute to the proactive scenario of phenomenological research in Brazil.

The titles referring to the thematic issue of the CIRF are added to other articles from the continuous flow of the journal, with related themes. Among these works are foreign collaborators (German, Italian and Portuguese) and PhD. Professors from relevant Brazilian higher education institutions, such as USP, UNB, PUCRS and UNISINOS.