

Editorial: A New Journal

Welcome

Welcome to a brand new trans-disciplinary academic journal. When this publication was conceived of just over twelve months ago, it was to fill a hole in the field: one spends many years developing expertise in one particular discipline and then discovers that it could potentially be applied to solve problems in another discipline. Obviously, it is no point publishing in a journal that caters to your particular expertise, because it is people in the other field that you need to talk to. However, your knowledge of the new field is so limited that you can only address relatively simple problems, which no journal in that field is interested in publishing. Even in your own institution people are so involved in their own research that they are not necessarily interested in taking off in a completely new direction. The question, then, is where to publish in order to reach the people that will really benefit from your work? Now the answer is: New Thesis.

This initial concept has been broadened slightly to include cross-disciplinary fertilisation of ideas, whilst maintaining the highest quality of full papers. The reader will notice that the editorial policy includes some innovations to assist in the presentation of technically difficult papers: two abstracts, a generous page allowance, and the option for authors to highlight speculative material that they may wish to include. I hope that these are helpful to readers, reviewers, and authors.

Thank You

All the papers in this inaugural issue have been invited, and I want to thank the authors and reviewers for doing such an excellent job in writing, reviewing, revising, and re-reviewing. I also want to thank those who missed the deadline for this first issue, and hope to see their work in one of the subsequent issues. Finally, I wish to thank the proof-reader who did a sterling job helping to get the final documents ready for publication.

Reading and Submitting

I hope that you find the papers published in New Thesis to be interesting. If you feel stimulated to submit a manuscript of your own, the editorial policy and author's guidelines can be found towards the back of this issue. If you are unsure as to the suitability of a particular topic, please e-mail in a short, one page, synopsis.

I look forwards to receiving your manuscript!

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