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EDITORIAL

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SPECIAL ISSUE ON FOUCAULT AND CIVIL SOCIETY. We are very fortunate to present a special issue on Foucault and Civil Society, guest edited by Miikka Pyykkönen of the University of Jyväskylä. Professor Pyykkönen brings together an assortment of authors whose diversity of methodology and critical orientation is matched by their variety of global perspectives. On a range to topics from South African race relations in Anna Selmeczi's (University of Fort Hare, South Africa) "Haunted by the Rebellion of the Poor", to family policy and fatherhood in Russia in Pelle Åberg's (Södertörn University, Sweden) "Civil Society and Biopolitics in Contemporary Russia", to drug policies in advanced capitalist societies in Rikka Perälä's (University of Helsinki, Finland) "Civil Society Organizations and Care of the Self", Foucauldian perspectives on civil society variously counter a long tradition of essentialist framings of this term with an empirical analytics of power relations intrinsic to civility itself. These empirically based perspectives unfold in the setting of a critical re-reading of *The Birth of Biopolitics* through the lens of civic republicanism in Samantha Ashenden's (Birkbeck College, UK) "Foucault, Ferguson, and civil society", and a bringing together of Foucault's notions of civil society with his ideas of resistance and counter-conduct in Pyykkönen's own "Liberalism, Governmentality and Counter-Conduct".

FOUCAULT CIRCLE SPECIAL SECTION. Inaugurated in No. 18 of *Foucault Studies*, this second special section devoted to the works of our colleagues at the *Foucault Circle* brings to our readers a selection of the proceedings from the *Foucault Circle*'s annual conference, active since 2001, featuring the works of established and emerging scholars in the field of Foucault studies. It is with great enthusiasm that we continue this partnership with three works from the June 2014 meeting, held at the University of Malmö, Sweden. Lynne Huffer's (Emory University, USA) "Foucault's Fossils: Life Itself and the Return to Nature in Feminist Philosophy" explores the recent shift to nature in feminist philosophy. Emily R. Douglas' (McGill University, Canada) "Foucault, Laughter, and Gendered Normalization" examines how the transgressive role of laughter in Foucault's work can be used by feminists to destabilize gender normalization. C. Heike Schotten's (University of Massachusetts Boston, USA) "Against Totalitarianism: Agamben, Foucault, and the Politics of Critique" argues that Agamben's interpretation of bi-

opower forecloses possibilities for emancipation inherent to Foucault's genealogical work. We would like to thank Margaret A. McLaren (Rollins College, USA) and Dianna Taylor (John Carroll University, USA), guest editors of this special section.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES. Issue No. 20 also brings three original articles on a diverse set of subject matters. In "Is power always secondary to the economy?" Deborah Cook (University of Windsor, Canada) explores the questions: How should we understand late capitalism? Is its defining feature relations of economy and exchange or the state and power? By measuring the distance of both Foucault and Adorno from Marx and their reactions to Nazi Germany, Cook weighs the compatibility of their analyses of late capitalism with important consequences for our understanding of the fault lines in critical theory. In "Academic Subjectivities: Governmentality and Self-Development in Higher Education," Fabian Cannizzo (Monash University, Australia) brings together questions of governmentality, entrepreneurial subjectivity, higher education, and neoliberalism. Using Monash University as a case, Cannizzo highlights the discursive strategies—Excellence and Innovation—that serve academic governance, while showing their interdependency with the cultivation of the free, compliant, and marketable academic subject. Finally, Andrea Lobb's (La Trobe University, Australia) "Technologies of the Other: Renewing 'empathy' between Foucault and psychoanalysis" argues for the ontogenetical primacy of 'other-care' over 'self-care', and posits 'technologies of the other' as a human technological modality in its own right by bringing together the psychoanalytic technique of empathy of Donald Winnicott with Foucault's technologies of the self.

REVIEW SYMPOSIUM. Following the publication in 2014 of *On the Government of the Living*, the English translation of Foucault's lectures at the Collège de France in 1979-1980, we are excited to be able to bring to you a special section with review essays on the significance of this important part of Foucault's work by three prominent Foucault commentators, namely Colin Gordon (Independent scholar), David Konstan (New York University, USA) and Jeremy Carrette (University of Kent, UK). We are thrilled to have contemporary discussions on the core of Foucault's own work as part of our review scope, and we would like to thank Alan Milchman (Queens College CUNY, USA) and Alan Rosenberg (Queens College CUNY, USA) for making possible and guest-editing this section.

EXTENDED REVIEW SECTION. In addition to the special section focusing on Foucault's 1979-1980 lectures, we are fortunate to present in this issue Magnus Paulsen Hansen's (Copenhagen Business School, Denmark) illuminative review essay concerning Foucault's possible flirt with neoliberalist thinking in the late 1970s; an issue that has gained some traction in the current reception. Particularly, it assesses some problems in the French contributions to this discussion of how Foucault may have been politically seduced by the prospects of the contemporary liberal governmentality he was diagnosing at that time. The essay thus represents an invitation to discuss further Foucault's complex relationship to neoliberalism, state phobia and his political legacy in the broadest sense. Furthermore, the issue also includes eight reviews of recent books concerned with Foucault's work, as well as other important philosophers in the same tradition.

Last but decidedly not least, the present issue sees the re-introduction of two previous sections of *Foucault Studies*. In the TOOLBOX, Stuart Elden (University of Warwick, UK) presents a comprehensive guide to hard-to-find Foucault texts and resources that we think will prove a valuable aid to any researcher in the field. In the EXCHANGES section we are pleased to have Mitchell Dean's (Copenhagen Business School, Denmark) "Neoliberalism, Governmentality, Ethnography" as a critical response to Michelle Brady's lead article from the special issue on "Ethnographies of Neoliberal Governmentalities" in *Foucault Studies* No. 18,[1] as well as Michelle Brady's (University of Queensland, Australia) reply to Dean's critique in "Neoliberalism, Governmentality, and Ethnography: A rejoinder". We are happy to have these sections back, and invite readers to submit contributions for them for future issues. A more detailed presentation can be found in the editorial introduction to each section.

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[1] Michelle Brady, "Ethnographies of Neoliberal Governmentalities: from the Neoliberal Apparatus to Neoliberalism and Governmental Assemblages," *Foucault Studies*, no. 18 (2014).