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EDITORIAL

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The editors of Foucault Studies are pleased to publish this issue of *Foucault Studies* containing three articles, each devoted to discussing one of Foucault's yearly series of lectures at the *Collège de France*.

In "The Beginning of a Study of Biopower," Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson (Syracuse University) centers the attention on Foucault's 1978 lecture course at the *Collège de France* entitled *Security, Territory, Population*. The article "The Appearance of an Interminable Natural History and its Ends" by Sverre Raffnsøe (Copenhagen Business School) and Knut Ove Eliassen (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) examines Foucault's Lectures on *The Birth of Biopolitics* at the *Collège de France* in 1979. Written by Daniele Lorenzini (Warwick University), "Anarcheology and the Emergence of the Alethurgic Subject" discusses Foucault's 1980 lecture course entitled *On the Government of the Living*.

A NOVELTY

Rather than just a new publication continuing the row of previous issues of Foucault Studies, the present issue is to be regarded as a novelty in a more radical sense. It is a new kind of publication that broadens the scope or the range of Foucault Studies; and it is a new kind of publication that initiates a new series of publications in addition to Foucault Studies' already existing programme.

Since the quite recently accomplished full publication of Foucault's lectures at the Collège de France, completed in French in 2015 and in English in 2019, the editors of Foucault Studies have considered it timely to publish a series of articles introducing each year's lectures in the context of and as a contribution to Foucault's work while also highlighting crucial problems still of relevance in the discussed sequence of lectures. The present issue is the first volume to appear in the context

of this series. The series is intended to be of value to the reader wanting to make her- or himself acquainted with the lecture series as well as to the more experienced scholar.

Provisionally, the series is envisaged to consist of six volumes. The first volume will be devoted to Foucault's lectures at the *Collège de France* from 1970 to 1973 entitled *Leçons sur la volonté de savoir/Lectures on the Will to Know, Théories et institutions pénales/ Penal Theories and Institutions*. The second volume will focus on Foucault's lectures at the *Collège de France* from 1974 to 1976 under the headings *La société punitive,/ The Punitive Society, Le Pouvoir psychiatrique/ Psychiatric Power, Les Anormaux/ Abnormal, "Il faut défendre la société"/ "Society must be defended."* The third volume is published with this issue. It follows Foucault's lectures from the moment he picks up again after a one year break in 1977, and it ends with his lectures in 1980. The fifth volume will investigate Foucault's lectures at the *Collège de France* from 1981 to 1984 published under the headings *Subjectivité et vérité/ Subjectivity and Truth, L'Herméneutique du sujet/ The Hermeneutics of the Subject, Le Gouvernement de soi et des autres I/ On The Government of the Living, Le Gouvernement de soi et des autres II, Le Courage de la vérité, The Courage of Truth*.

Nevertheless, it is quite possible that the series will not stop at this point, but that more volumes are still to come. Such an envisaged volume would discuss crucial lectures given by Foucault elsewhere. Among these talks are *Mal faire, dire vrai. Fonction de l'aveu en justice/ Wrong-Doing, Truth-Telling. The Function of Avowal in Justice*, a course given in Leuven in 1981, *Discours et vérité/ Discourse and Truth*, a conference at Berkley in 1983, *Parrhesia*, a conference given in 1982 at the *University of Grenoble*, "Qu'est-ce que la critique?," a conference given in 1978 before la *Société française de philosophie*, *L'origine de l'herméneutique de soi/ About the Beginning of the Hermeneutics of the Self*, and conferences given at *Dartmouth College* in 1980.

The series *Hautes études*, currently being issued in unison by *Éditions de l'EHESS, du Seuil* and *Gallimard*, may equally call for future introductions insofar as it is devoted to publishing Michel Foucault's "cours et travaux" before the *Collège de France*, thus making public a part of Foucault's work that was still in the making. A contribution to this still forthcoming series is the volume *Michel Foucault, La sexualité, suivi de Le discours sur la sexualité*, published in 2018 and making public Foucault's notes to his lectures given at the *University of Clermont-Ferrand* in 1964 and at the *University of Vincennes* in 1969. Insofar as it equally introduces and provides the setting for understanding a recently published part of Foucault's oeuvre that was left unfinished from his pen, the review essay "Michel Foucault's Confessions of the Flesh. The fourth volume of the *History of Sexuality*," published in *Foucault Studies* in 2018 by Sverre Raffnsøe (<https://rauli.cbs.dk/index.php/foucault-studies/article/view/5593/6234>), could be regarded as a contribution *avant la lettre* to the series.

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