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In the 60 years since its foundation, the LSE Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method has had a stellar history of enquiry into philosophical methodology. The contributions of such philosophers as Karl Popper and Imre Lakatos have been among the most significant of the twentieth century, and that tradition continues today.

The strength of the department in these areas coupled with its position in a university with world-class expertise in both economics and political science means it is uniquely placed in the world of academic philosophy. The application of the analytic method to issues of moral and political philosophy has in the twentieth century borne many fruits, not least the contribution of the author of our introduction, Professor Dworkin.

*Rerum Causae* has been founded in order to showcase the current work of students in the LSE Philosophy Department. We hope that it gives an accurate portrayal of the high standard of philosophical activity being conducted here and provides an illustration of the particular approach of LSE philosophy.

A great number of articles were received for publication and space requirements necessitated many interesting and well-written essays being unfortunately left out. However, with topics ranging from liberal neutrality to mathematical explanation to economic modelling we hope the reader will enjoy the articles published and, with any luck, learn something.

Needless to say, as editors, we certainly have. The process has been, by turns gruelling and absorbing. We are happy to be able to present the fruits of the last few months work by the many submitters, peer-reviewers and others that have contributed to this publication. The motto of the LSE is “*Rerum Cognoscere Causas*”. We hope that this publication has made a contribution, however small, to this project.

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