

## Special Issue: Analytic Philosophy of Religion

This special number of *Manuscrito - Revista Internacional de Filosofia*, aims to promote and foster discussion among philosophers, scholars, and the general public alike on a number of central, hotly debated issues in Philosophy of Religion. While “Analytic Philosophy” (broadly construed) is increasingly popular in a number of leading Brazilian Philosophy Departments, Analytic Philosophy of Religion is still at an early stage of development in Brazil, to the extent that this subject is not even considered as an autonomous field of inquiry by public research agencies such as the CNPq, Capes, Fapesp, etc., and that courses in Philosophy of Religion are mostly taught in private and confessional universities. This has led many to wrongly consider this subject as a form of religious apologetics more than to a rigorous philosophical enterprise. The present work aims to challenge and refute this misconception.

In this number of *Manuscrito*, the reader will find works from both leading and early career scholars discussing a number of issues in Philosophy of Religion, both “classic” (i.e. arguments against and in support of the rationality of Theism, the epistemology of religious beliefs, the problem of evil, etc.) and more contemporary (i.e. the implications of cognitive science in our understanding of religious beliefs, the problem of religious disagreement, formal approaches to Philosophy of Religion, etc.); we aim to show that Philosophy is a vital and rich field of inquiry and debate, which involves and cast new light on a number of metaphysical and epistemological questions, and we are confident that this contribution will lead to a renewed interest in the field.

We would like to thank first and foremost our various contributors and Professor Marco Ruffino, who kindly gave us the opportunity to edit this special number of *Manuscrito*.

Moreover, we are extremely grateful to the John Templeton Foundation, for their support of our project “Formal Approaches to Philosophy of Religion and Analytic Theology” (Grant 61108), which resulted in a number of conferences and published works such as this one.

**FÁBIO M. BERTATO**

<https://orcid.org/0000-0003-0881-2970>

*University of Campinas - UNICAMP*

*Centre for Logic, Epistemology, and the*

*History of Science (CLE)*

*Campinas S.P.*

*Brazil*

[fbertato@unicamp.br](mailto:fbertato@unicamp.br)

**NICOLA CLAUDIO SALVATORE**

<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-7947-6233>

*Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos*

*Unisinos, Escola de Humanidade*

*Department of Philosophy*

*São Leopoldo, R.S.*

*Brazil*

[nicolaclaudiosalvatore@gmail.com](mailto:nicolaclaudiosalvatore@gmail.com)

<https://doi.org/10.1590/0100-6045.2020.V44N4.FN>

**References**

BROŹEK, Bartosz; OLSZEWSKI, Adam; HOHOL, Mateusz (Eds.) *Logic in Theology*. Cracow: Copernicus Center Press, 2013.

WAINWRIGHT, William (Ed.). *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Religion*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

