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Continuity: this issue is made up of ten texts previously published in the Journal, some recent and others dating from the early years of the Journal. We believe they represent the diversity of our interest as well as of our readers.

Change: beginning in this year, the Journal will publish three issues annually. Journals that, like ours, aspire to be general and to ignore the corporatist barriers between disciplines or subdisciplines, struggle to survive. With two issues per year we did not publish enough articles and were not as visible as we would like to be. From 2002, the third issue—which will normally appear between the two regular issues—will have a different character. It will be made up of three sections: the first will be devoted to the presentation of the state of the art in a given domain; the second will present a debate around a theoretical orientation or a conceptual cluster; and the third will include book reviews of works that merit commentary and discussion. Purely negative reviews are not to our taste.

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