Editorial:
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Welcome to the inaugural issue of PhaenEx, the electronic journal of the Canadian-based, international and interdisciplinary society for the study of existential and phenomenological theory and culture / la société pour l’étude de la théorie et la culture existentialiste et phénoménologique (EPTC/TCEP). The purpose of the journal is to publish and disseminate as widely as possible interesting and excellent written work dealing with theoretical or cultural issues in existentialism or phenomenology. Authors both inside and outside of EPTC/TCEP are warmly invited to make submissions to the journal. Submissions are to be made using the Online Journal Software on the PhaenEx website. The website provides submission requirements and procedures, and makes it possible for authors to monitor the progress of their submissions within the review and editorial processes. Submissions are subject to peer review.

PhaenEx was conceived two years ago during the annual meeting of EPTC/TCEP in conjunction with the annual Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences of Canada at the University of Manitoba. For the inaugural issue, we invited an array of authors to make submissions that would reflect the diversity of the society and its goals. We have
included essays by authors both new and established, both French and English, both male and female, both Canadian and international. In this issue you will find work that is both existential and phenomenological, concerning issues from politics to sensation. Some of our selections revisit key philosophical texts by thinkers from Nietzsche to Bergson to Levinas, while others apply critical phenomenological insights to cultural, political, and other phenomena. We are very pleased with the result, and we hope it will encourage readers and authors worldwide to add *PhaenEx* to their lists of favourite bookmarks.

At present, we are planning to publish two issues each year. Readers can look forward to an annual Spring/Summer Open Issue, to be published in April/May, and an annual Fall/Winter Special Topics Issue, to be published in November/December. For Open issues, the *PhaenEx* Editorial Collective encourages society members who presented papers at recent annual EPTC/TCEP conferences to expand, refine, and submit their papers for review.

We are looking for committed and qualified individuals (both English and French speaking) to play important editorial roles on the *PhaenEx* team, both as Executive Editors on the Editorial Collective, and as Editorial Advisors on the Editorial Advisory Board. If you are interested in participating in any of these capacities, please contact one of the current Executive Editors. And we welcome your comments on this issue or any other aspect of *PhaenEx*.

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