

Editor's Preface

As the editor I am proud to present this inaugural issue of Dansk NietzscheForum's electronic periodical DNF.

In DNF we wish to present a progressive periodical whose trajectory we will try to draw in the following paragraphs. The idea of establishing yet another Western Nietzsche forum came into being from reading Brian Leiter's controversial critique of the state of Nietzsche studies, which can be read on Leiter's weblog (the direct link is [here](#)); as has been pointed out earlier the article is highly controversial and indeed lacks some of the very same standards that it itself demands in the works of a group of Nietzsche scholars mentioned by name. On the other hand Leiter is right in parts of his critique. There has indeed been published some very poor papers on Nietzsche that is lacking any particular scholarly insight in Nietzsche's philosophy. In the Danish academe revolving around Nietzsche there has been examples of scholars claiming to publish unique studies on Nietzsche, although they sooner seem to lack that very genius that they so wanted to display, that it had to be self-proclaimed.

It is Dansk NietzscheForum's starting point that any serious introduction to Nietzsche has to be a *re*-introduction. Much have been said, but so much more left unsaid even unthought-of. Parts of Nietzsche studies still seems to be constructed upon the very kinds of mythology that Nietzsche so wanted to do away with by way of his genealogical method and perspectivism: concepts of this and that. Reintroducing Nietzsche seems to Dansk NietzscheForum and DNF for the most part to be a introduction of Nietzsche Studies to particulars, thus letting Nietzsche's philosophy stem from Leibnizian rationality rather than letting it be drawn down by a romantic philosophy of an irrational avant-garde.

Hence we wish to call for papers that reintroduce Nietzsche to the modern academic reader or any readers with a philosophical background; in the next issue of DNF we will focus on particulars versus generality and on Nietzsche's epistemology in the light of his critique of concepts and conceptual truth.

DNF has narrowed the introducing issue down to two articles focusing on the state of Nietzsche studies. Christa Davis Acampora from City University of New York discusses the dialectics of Nietzsche studies from a 'pseudo-hegelian' perspective and is thus welcoming 'the end of Nietzsche studies'. Victor Gonçalves teaching philosophy at Damião de Goes has submitted a paper on the 'présences de Nietzsche au Portugal' in which we learn that only after the fall of Portuguese dictatorship did Nietzsche become an integrated part of Portuguese academic curriculum, we also learn that Portuguese Nietzsche studies have turned towards Kant's third critique finding there interpretative companionship rather than opposition.

Unfortunately we have neither been able to establish a section with reviews of and critique of books on Nietzsche and his philosophy, nor have there yet been established a proper forum for discussing published papers or related issues. We are

presently looking into the possibilities of connecting a weblog to DNF, but nothing have been decided yet; neither do we know whether it would have any interest among our readers.

On behalf of Dansk NietzscheForum & DNF
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