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## **Editors' Notes**

*Problématique* is a journal organized and operated by graduate students in the Political Science Department of York University. It provides a venue for what we consider to be crucial aspects of scholarly development – peer feedback, criticism and the sharing of ideas. Graduate students carry out all vetting and decision making according to standard academic practices.

The articles in this year's volume reflect the diversity of research interests found in our graduate programme.

Tuna Baskoy insists upon the relevance of a Marxist interpretation of competition for understanding economic globalization and the ascending influence of finance capital. In doing so, he argues that the insights of Marx have often been misunderstood or misrepresented by Marxists and non-Marxists alike.

Jessica Cameron explores tensions within feminist theorizing between feminists, who argue for retaining 'women' as the subject of feminist politics, and others, like Judith Butler, who argue that feminist politics must begin by deconstructing all identity categories including that of women. Cameron shows how these two seemingly contradictory positions actually work in tandem to reproduce discourses of inequality.

Sirvan Karimi analyzes the impact of economic restructuring and the shifting basis of class relations upon the relative autonomy of the Canadian state. Using a Poulantzian framework, he addresses the changing, though not diminishing, role of the state in the accumulation process.

Geoff Kennedy argues that the absence of the working class in Hegel's theory of the modern state can only be explained by placing Hegel in his historical context. Although influenced by the insights of English political economists, Hegel was describing the class formation characteristic of pre-capitalist Prussia.

Alex Latta exposes the limits of the political strategies employed by the anti-GE food lobby. He argues that this consumers' movement is inspired by a Hobbesian concept of sovereignty, which severely narrows the scope of political action. Alex suggests that a concept of sovereignty inspired by Aristotelian theorists such as Hannah Arendt will allow us to ask difficult questions involved in the fight against GE foods, such as public control over technology.

This volume could not have come into existence without the help of many people. We are indebted to our critical readers for all the work they put into providing feedback on this year's papers. Thanks to Markus Sharaput for his efforts while a member of the editorial collective, Travis Fast, the Graduate Political Science Student Association Liaison, for his assistance and ideas and to Kelly Reimer for his help in formatting the papers. We are grateful to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the Graduate Programme of Political Science

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The success of this journal depends upon the active participation of graduate students. We encourage all York Political Science graduate students to consider submitting papers or reviews or serving as critical readers or editors.

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