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Press Release

The Philosophy Sharing Foundation has issued its fourteenth edition of SHARE magazine.

This current edition of SHARE was prepared amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The Foundation felt that it would be most appropriate at this moment in time to gather some philosophical viewpoints on how philosophy can be of help to humanity during this time of crisis. The editors of SHARE managed to find fourteen contributors willing to share their insights with us. Most of contributors are leading philosophers and academics, who are active in the local and overseas fields.
As the editorial piece comments from all these diverse contributions, the year 2020, while being a year of crisis that many people would like to erase from their memories, can also be remembered as the year that offered us an opportunity to suspend our daily habitual thinking and ask new questions to refresh our philosophical insights and adjust perhaps our moral compass.

The magazine features an interview with English psychologist and writer Philip Carr-Gomm. The Foundation had invited Philip Carr-Gomm, who has written over twenty books on Psychology and Druidry to deliver a talk which was due on the 16th of October 2020 about ‘Embodied Awareness and Sense of Self’. Unfortunately this talk which had the support from the Minister of Education Owen Bonnici, was postponed to an undetermined date next year due to the present Covid-19 measures.

Nevertheless many of the pertinent points of discussion that were to be raised during this talk have been captured throughout this interview. These points include the interaction between the mind, body and soul, consciousness and spirituality, and the open divide between the materialists and the idealists. Philip Carr-Gomm also discusses the mind-body technique that he promotes on his website, known as ‘sophrology’, which is based on a combined approach of phenomenology and neuroscience to heighten self-awareness.

Three other articles on blasphemy, order of chaos and martial arts are featured in the current issue of SHARE 14.

In the article on blasphemy Oliver Magro raises important questions in a profound manner as to why any critical performance of art and culture should be banned simply because it is considered blasphemous. The author argues that the right of religions to be protected against blasphemy tramples in effect on the rights of others to express a contrary belief to those it allegedly offends.

In the article on the Order of Chaos, Sergio Muscat maintains that our lives would be less conflictual if we are capable of embracing order with chaos. As he argues, society indoctrinates us from an early age that lack of order in our lives is wrong and dangerous whereas the universe in reality reveals around us a certain order in chaos that ultimately creates beauty in life.

Gino Dalcielo discusses the philosophy behind martial arts with specific focus on Kung-Fu. What makes Kung-Fu an interesting point of philosophical reflection is that it combines the beauty of artistic skill and imagination with the human combat while being another showcase of the contrast between Western and Eastern philosophy.

This magazine SHARE covers two books published in the current period – ‘Easeful death’ by Marta Obiols Fornell’ (Horizons Malta) and ‘The Philosophy of Law’ by Silvio Meli (Kite Group).

‘Easeful death’ was written in Spanish and translated by Mark Montebello. SHARE magazine with permission from the author reproduced the foreword written by Mark Montebello. This foreword encourages appreciation of many philosophical themes raised by this novel, the most notable being the meaning of life.

The Philosophy of Law by Silvio Meli is directed mainly towards students and legal practitioners, but it also appeals to persons of a non-legal background who are interested in widening their understanding of the definition of law. This book is an important contribution to academia as it leads the reader to connect general aspects of the law with universal interests.

Finally, the magazine SHARE in yet another novel feature launched a philosophical manifesto that is intended to address certain public policy areas from a philosophical perspective in future serial issues. The Foundation believes that philosophy can be effective if it contributes towards certain rethinking
on how we ought to live and organise our societies in economic, political and social terms. In the present times of great political divide between the left and right movements, conservatives and liberals, nationalists and globalists, the manifesto strives to find a common ground which can seriously address the future of humanity and the environment.

Members will receive a free copy of SHARE by post. Other persons interested in receiving a copy of the magazine are to contact the Foundation on its email philosophysharingmalta@gmail.com. The price of the magazine is €5.