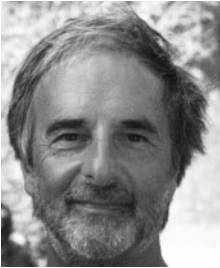


EDITORIAL

David Kalisch and Richard House



Welcome to the spring issue of *Self & Society* – the first to be published in association with Routledge (Taylor & Francis). We have worked closely with Routledge in order to ensure considerable continuity of design so as to make the journal that you hold in your hands – or are viewing on your screen – both recognizably familiar, but also with a dash of something new. Contents-wise you will see that very little has changed: our ‘regulars’ are all here – Manu Bazzano with as rich a fare as ever in the book reviews section; a fascinating trip down memory lane with Jill Hall in our ‘Roots of Humanistic Psychology’ series; Sissy Likou’s popular and pertinent News Interchange; Andy Rogers’ invariably thought-provoking exchanges in the Ethical Dilemmas feature with Dr Jay Watts as his correspondent; Lucy Scurfield’s AHP Chair’s Page, and so on. We would like fulsomely to thank Ian Challand and Jenny Kidd at Routledge for making what could have been a challenging process into a straightforward and pleasurable one. This bodes very well for the smooth development and evolution of the journal into an exciting future.

In our special theme focus, and following his splendid guest-editing of last year’s theme issue on Maurice Merleau-Ponty (41[3], 2014), Manu Bazzano has again compiled a fascinating set of pieces that, while all varyingly appreciative of elements of the mindfulness movement that has taken the psy world – and more (see, for instance, Ron Purser’s article) – by storm, also takes a thoughtful and, therefore, critical look at this phenomenon. Manu provides an Editorial Introduction with his customary aplomb, and also adds a poem that seeks to disturb assumptions about meditation and its *raison d’être*. Mindful thinking in action?

In our Articles section we are pleased to feature a strongly thought-provoking piece, also by Manu Bazzano, responding to Slavoj Žižek’s take on the *Charlie Hebdo* massacres.¹ We can imagine our letters sack metaphorically bulging again if readers respond with anything like the enthusiasm and alacrity that several did (see Letters, p. 81) to Sue Gerhardt’s piece in the winter issue.

We also include a review by Lucy Scurfield, Chair of AHP, of the first of the ‘S&S’ events days (see p. 64), which doubled as a surprise 90th birthday, and marked and celebrated his many decades of championing Humanistic Psychology in Britain and beyond. Our previous winter issue, featuring John’s commemorative *Festschrift*, was presented to him at the event, to his great delight (see p. 67). It was great to see so many friends of the journal – old and new – and of AHP in attendance. We hope that the review, the accompanying photographs and John’s response, carry some of the spirit of celebration and renewal that characterized the day.

We also feature a set of Conference Reports on the Universities Psychotherapy and Counselling Association (UPCA) Conference of November 2014, chaired by Professor Del Loewenthal, together with his highly pertinent opening address: a must-read, this, if you weren't able to be there. Thanks are due to Jaimie de Carvalho, Antony Johnston and Paul McKie for their illuminating reports on the Conference.

All in all, then, something for everyone, we hope, as we kick off this exciting new era of *Self & Society*, in partnership with Routledge, alongside a revived AHP. And as a final note, Routledge have digitized the whole back archive of *S&S* at breakneck speed, to which all members will shortly have access free of charge; and we very much look forward to meeting many of our members and readers at our exciting monthly workshop series, facilitated by an exciting slate of eminent leaders in the field (see p. 102), places for which can now be booked online. (Remember, too, that AHP members receive a generous discounted price for these workshops – and there is now to be a regular book stall as well.)

A happy springtime to all!

David and Richard

Note

1. See <http://www.newstatesman.com/world-affairs/2015/01/slavoj-i-ek-charlie-hebdo-massacre-are-worst-really-full-passionate-intensity>

Erratum

On the cover of volume 42 (3–4), we spelt the name of one of our contributors wrongly; it should have been 'Dovi Greenman', not 'Dovi Freedman'. Our profound apologies to Dovi for this unfortunate error.

The Editors