

# Introduction

*Studies in Social and Political Thought* is the house journal of the *Centre for Social and Political Thought* at the University of Sussex. It was founded in 1999 by faculty members Andrew Chitty in Philosophy, William Outhwaite in Sociology, and a group of post-graduate students in SPT. It has been almost entirely run by Sussex graduate students since that date.

In 2010 it was re-launched with a prestigious International Advisory Board all of whom have been very supportive of the journal. It has published peer-reviewed articles by graduate students from Sussex and from Universities all over the world, alongside peer-reviewed articles by Internationally renowned academics working in the broad area of Social and Political Thought. In 2016 the journal moved to an on-line Gold Open Access format with a special issue (volume 25) on *Pathologies of Recognition* co-edited by Chris Ferguson, Arto Laitinen, Arvi Särkelä and Heikki Ikäheimo.

Volume 26 is a special curated issue showcasing some of the highlights of the earlier issues of the journal which are not available on-line, by authors who are prominent figures in the journal's area of interest, many of whom have a strong connection with SPT at Sussex. They cover a wide range of issues from the history of critical theory, through to feminism, and anarchist political theory.

We warmly encourage submissions for future issues of the journal on topics across the whole spectrum of Social and Political Theory and its history, from new and established authors, graduate students and faculty. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors to SSPT, over the last 17 years, and especially the various editors who over the years have collectively developed it into such a significant platform for debate in Social and Political Thought, and such a rich resource for students and faculty working in the area.

Andrew Chitty, Gordon Finlayson and Chris Ferguson.