

EDITORIAL

I am pleased to announce that Roger Crisp will become the next Editor of *Utilitas* from 1997. What began as an amalgamation of the Bentham and Mill newsletters is now well-established as an international journal of moral and political philosophy, and Dr Crisp has already played an important role in its transformation. No major change in editorial policy is anticipated, and it is hoped that members of the Editorial Board and of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies will continue to give the same enthusiastic support to the journal as they have in the past. I shall remain as Consultant Editor and hope to continue to contribute to the success of the journal.

In creating and editing *Utilitas* for nearly a decade, numerous debts have accumulated, only a few of which can be acknowledged here. The late John M. Robson, General Editor of *The Collected Works of John Stuart Mill*, played a crucial role in founding the journal, the title of which was originally suggested by James Burns. Stephen Conway and Jane Haville provided great assistance for many years, as have Catherine Fuller and Katherine Barber more recently. The Associate Editors, Paul Kelly, Brad Hooker, and Roger Crisp, have eased the burden on the Editor considerably in recent years. Philip Schofield has provided invaluable assistance as the Honorary Secretary of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, and members of the Bentham Project have assisted in numerous ways. Grateful thanks are also extended to members of the Editorial Board, contributors and reviewers, as well as to a large number of very busy scholars who have taken the time to read and evaluate various papers submitted to the journal. Finally, I must thank my family for their support, as I attempted to combine the two highly demanding roles of editing *Utilitas* and serving as the General Editor of *The Collected Works of Jeremy Bentham*.

The third number of volume 8 is a special issue devoted to an assessment of Brian Barry's recently published book, *Justice as Impartiality*. Paul Kelly, who has been associated with the journal from its first number and who is now Review Editor, has organized the issue and the symposium on which it is based. Further special issues are being planned, including one on punishment, edited by C. L. Ten, which will appear in the next volume.

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