

## PREFACE

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This is the second instalment of EPISTEME's invitational volume. We would like to thank the distinguished writers who so kindly agreed to contribute an article. A special thank you is in order to Fred Schmitt who, at very short notice, had to assimilate the papers that comprise this issue.

Issue 1 was an eclectic collection of papers written by philosophers and philosophical sociologists. These papers set out the broad concerns from the perspective of each of these two traditions. This generality was complimented by papers that also illustrated the topicality of social epistemology to live issues in the public domain.

Issue 2 tackles the very difficult aporias that lie at the heart of social epistemology, puzzles that are in turn reflected across secondary and tertiary areas of social epistemology, education and mysticism, to name but two.

All of these theorists are *au fait* with the classic knowledge and belief literature (from Plato to Gettier and beyond). That they write within the long shadow cast by this tradition, challenges mainstream epistemology to take the social dimension of knowledge seriously.

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