

Calling Animal Spirits: Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

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What is this for? For students of philosophy and theory—whatever such may be and wherever such may be found—focused on Memorial University and Newfoundland and Labrador, as parts of the globalized world. Graduate, undergraduate, informal, perpetual students. But with little interference from faculty, professors, bureaucrats, etc. Hence a brief letter from me, as faculty “overseer” and signatory for the institution.

Free speech is needed, as always. Critical free speech included, of course. Much of this reawakened new issue of *Codgito*—itself a becoming-fish of disembodied thought—calls for better institutional conditions—at this university and globally—for the pursuit of education as the training of democratic, humanitarian spirits. Calling animal spirits to raise their voices: join our conversation!

This issue records traces of all sorts of utterances, songs, sayings, moans, and whispers of animal spirits, in cross-cutting transdisciplinary ways: becoming-woman and becoming-animal in Kafka, Lispector, Carrington, and Deleuze and Guattari; allegory of Hegel as owl, Feuerbach as fox, and Marx the mole; the voyage of the sun-seeking philosopher following Plato’s signposts for laws; and, finally, the becoming-priest of today’s international bankers.

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