

Preface

THIS IS THE FIRST volume of the collection MLAG Discussion Papers planned to be published exclusively online. With this volume, Mind, Language and Action Group (MLAG) aims to launch the new life of MLAG Discussion Papers in digital format. To achieve this aim, the graphic elements of the previous life in paper format were adapted or redesigned to respond to the requirements and delights of reading online.

MLAG Discussion Papers began in 2006 to publish work by MLAG members or authors whose work is on relevant and close themes to those developed within MLAG. It is also the aim of MLAG Discussion Papers to display the general themes and particular questions that move us as a research group in philosophy since 2004. Specially, those which name us: mind, language, and action.

The papers here collected were presented at the 12th edition of Oficina de Filosofia Analítica (OFA 12). Oficina de Filosofia Analítica (OFA) is a workshop sponsored by the Portuguese Society of Analytical Philosophy (SPFA), supported by the Portuguese Society of Philosophy (SPF), for the presentation and discussion of work by doctoral students and early post-docs researching in analytical philosophy broadly conceived. The 12th edition was the first OFA organized by MLAG, in close collaboration with the Philosophy Instituto of Porto University (FLUP) and with support from the Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto (FLUP) and the Rectory of the University of Porto.

In accordance with the previous editions of OFA, the initial plan of OFA 12 was to take place on-site, at FLUP in the end of 2020. Yet, the emergence and permanence of the Covid-19 Pandemic enforced a

change of plans. Thus, OFA 12 took place on 2021 April 9th using digital platforms.

All the papers in this volume were subject to blind review by the members of the Scientific Committee of OFA 12 and presented at the event. They endorse relevant questions for contemporary philosophy. The volume begins with 'On Wittgensteinian Hinge Epistemology' by Ricardo N. Henriques, that presents and defends Annalisa Coliva's reading of Ludwig Wittgenstein's proposals. In this reading, hinges are norms that both regulate and constitute empirical knowledge. Camila Lobo, in 'Agência nas margens: revisitar o conceito de injustiça hermenêutica' expands criticisms to the notion of hermeneutical injustice by Miranda Fricker to suggest that a reformulation of what agents and reason are reveals that the subjects of minority groups, after all, have access to alternative resources of interpretation of their own experiences. In his 'Negotiating Value', Diogo Santos aims at showing that metalinguistic negotiation, as it is proposed by Tim Sundell to reject the thesis that evaluative terms are not gradative terms, is insufficient to defend that, instead, evaluative terms are gradatives, since it leaves out the social interactions involved in the use of those terms. The papers by João Faria e Silva, 'Uma abordagem reducionista ao problema da identidade dos indiscerníveis', and André de Sousa Silva, 'Particulares nus: Uma defesa da teoria do substrato', are examples of the ontological dispute between bundle theories and substrate theories on the existence and individuation of particulars. Departing both from current discussions and old problems within metaphysics, each defends a position that is opposite to the other's on the nature of particulars. Faria e Silva concludes that there is no primitive individuation of particulars, arguing that if it is correct that the truth of any proposition about the number of existing particulars is supervenient of the truth of all propositions exclusively about universals, then all facts about the individuation of particulars are reducible to facts exclusively about universals. In contrast, Sousa Silva proposes that a substratum theory, which admits the existence of bare particulars, is more apt to respond to the problem of the (numeric) identity of objects. At last, in 'O enigma da existência: defesa da abordagem rejeicionista', Luís Carlos Vicente Ramos adds to the previous discussion an argu-

ment in favor of the rejectionist approach to the enigma of existence. According to Vicente Ramos, this argument grounds a defense that such an approach is legitimate, against Nicholas Rescher, and thus answers to the question whether something, instead of nothing, exists.

I hope that the reading of these papers is as exciting and fruitful as was attending to their presentation. Despite the extraordinary conditions in which it took place, OFA 12 was a very participated event, that provided great satisfaction, both to the speakers and to the public. So, I want to thank the authors the dedication and professionalism with which they participated both in the event and in the process of editing and revising their texts for publication. I also thank Prof. Sofia Miguens for the support with the publication, Dr. João Leite and FLUP's Library services for the logistic support, Isabel Marques and the IF-UP for the institutional support, and Maria Maia, for the intelligent and indispensable contribution to the final stage of the revision of the texts.

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