



From the Editors

We are excited to release this inaugural issue of *Communications of the Blyth Institute*. The Blyth Institute has been in operation for eight years, and we have continued to expand our services to the academic community. Our hope is that *Communications* serves as a helpful platform both among the members of the Institute and the wider community.

1 Motivation for the Journal

Prior to this journal, The Blyth Institute has facilitated research through conferences and edited volumes, including *Engineering and the Ultimate: An Interdisciplinary Investigation of Order and Design in Nature and Craft* and *Naturalism and Its Alternatives in Scientific Methodologies*. Both of these volumes contain groundbreaking work in a variety of fields.

As The Blyth Institute has grown, we have also found the need to communicate early work and intermediate results in a formal, reliable method. Originally, we considered merely publishing these on the website as technical reports. However, we recognized that many of our colleagues, especially those performing interdisciplinary work or those not currently affiliated with an academic institution, had similar needs. From this the idea for *Communications* was born.

2 Call for Papers

Communications accepts papers in a wide variety of fields including most sciences, mathematics, and philosophy. We have a particular focus on non-reductionist perspectives (including criticisms of non-reductionist perspectives) in these various fields.

Additionally, we will often suggest areas which we think deserve more focus, and where papers of such focus will receive priority treatment in the submission process. Currently, we are seeking papers in two areas.

First, we are seeking papers related to non-reductionist approaches to economics and business. Examples of such

approaches can be found in Chapter 14 (“Other Non-Naturalistic Methodologies in Modern Practice”) of *Naturalism and Its Alternatives in Scientific Methodologies*, as well as the note “The Wealth Pies of Plato’s Library” in the present issue.

Second, we are seeking papers that discuss the concept of finiteness and infinity, especially in relationship to the philosophy of mind. Topics dealing in areas such as Gödel incompleteness, Turing Oracles, intensional vs. extensional definitions, human creativity, and questions about the reality or non-reality of infinities are all of interest.

3 The Current Issue

The present issue sports a wide variety of topics, including evolution, computer science, mathematics, philosophy of science, and moral reasoning, as well as interdisciplinary papers connecting them together.

We have not established a rhythm for publication, but our hope is to be able to publish at least twice-yearly. If you would like to subscribe to the journal, you can subscribe or purchase individual articles at journals.blythinstitute.org.

Sincerely,

The Editors