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Problematique is a journal organized and run by graduate students of York's Political Science Department, dedicated to promoting and circulating graduate work through publication. It also provides a venue for what we consider to be a crucial aspect of scholarly development - that of peer feedback, criticism and the sharing of ideas. All vetting and decision making is carried out by graduate students, according to standard journalistic procedure.

The articles in this edition reflect the diversity of interests found in our Graduate Programme. Liz Philipose's paper "Pure Foundations, Innocent Vision: Feminist Claims to Know," is a commentary on the entrapment of feminist theory within the very terms of the knowledge production it criticizes. Andrew Biro's "'The Revolution Will Not Be Televised': Media Depoliticization of the Montreal and Hebron Massacres," explores the role of the mass media in "depoliticizing" politics, by turning major events into show business. In "From the Kingdom of Ends to the Kingdom Without Ends: Kant and Nietzsche's Critique of Reason," Katrin Froese examines the metaphysical connection of Nietzsche's writings to Kant, which underwrite his antagonism to the latter's work. Christine Saulnier's paper "'Legislating Out' Sexual Discrimination: Native Women and Bill C-31: A Case Study in Evaluating Policy Design and Impact," raises a number of issues regarding the treatment of Natives, especially Native women, by the Canadian government, and questions the "neutrality" of policy assessment techniques. In "Rationality and Freedom (Un)Fulfilled: Resemblance and Dissonance in Rousseau and Hegel," Nadine Changfoot assesses the relative implications for radical transformation found in Rousseau's and Hegel's theories of the individual. Finally, Catherine Kellogg's paper "The Question of Marx and Justice Revisited: Derrida's Marx and Messianic Time," examines the potential for an alternative, non-vengeful notion of justice found in Marx by Derrida - as singularity, concreteness and inequality, rather than generality, abstraction and universality.

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