



Call for papers 2015

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The border between political consent and moral dissent and the theoretical problems connected to distinguishing what is right from what is good have represented an ongoing argument and a recurring concern of normative political theory.

These tensions and borders are now also the main line of research that “**Biblioteca della libertà**”, in its new format, intends to develop.

The domain we consider is mainly the liberal one: the challenges we want to address are those that liberalism has had to deal with from within the societies where it is predominant. In other words, what we are interested in are the limits and sensitive issues of classic and contemporary liberalism. This indirectly implies renewing our pledge to the Einaudi model of broader liberalism, which nowadays still represents such a precious resource when thinking about politics, society, economy, law and their mutual relationships. From “**Bdl’s**” point of view, the hoped-for aim would be to verify, on the basis of theoretical and practical analyses, the impact possibilities of a liberal and pluralistic political culture, and of the rules and stances deriving from it.

Pragmatic liberalism and conflictual pluralism, therefore, will be from now on the main guiding lines of the critical stance of the journal, because they both contain the best possible expression of contemporary societies’ egalitarian project, in the name of pluralism, party competition and free discussion – between majorities and minorities, between logics and dynamics of knowledge and logics and dynamics of power.

Ethical norms such as equity, impartiality, cooperation and reciprocity are necessary prerequisites for any kind of development, be it economic or intellectual. These norms have emerged from new ways of understanding welfare and justice, from collective choices and social conventions. The main actors of “**Bdl**” have developed this awareness in fifty years of

philosophical, political, economic and legal thinking, at the intersection of ethics and social sciences. Their awareness is now met by a pressing demand for responsibility, for theoretical and practical models and models of government based on cooperative and equitable relationships with the stakeholders. In order to define and implement such models, the understanding of the relationship between politics, philosophy, ethics and economy needs to go beyond a superficial glance. To go beyond is “Bdl’s” new deal.

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