
A Letter from the Editors

To new and returning readers alike,

We are very pleased to present you with the 14th volume of *SPICE: Student Perspectives on Institutions, Choices and Ethics*, the undergraduate journal of the Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE) department at the University of Pennsylvania.

Before you is a collection of insightful and compelling works of research and scholarship produced by students from across the university. For the past nearly decade and a half, *SPICE* has showcased academic papers on topics exemplary of the interdisciplinary nature of the major. We can proudly say that this issue continues this tacit tradition. Indeed, the works included in the following pages analyze topics such as the economic burden of corporate tax havens and the political policies that enable them, the politics behind the Stuxnet cyberattack and its philosophical implications on understanding the justness of war, and economic risk-taking as it relates to a philosophical understanding of fairness. The topics discussed in this issue are representative of some of the current hardships and realities facing both domestic and international societies: globalization, a struggling middle class, cyberattacks and security, and feminism, to name a few. We trust that the pages that follow promise to both inspire and challenge readers in their exploration of these topics.

Unlike previous issues, beginning with this 14th volume of *SPICE*, we have endeavored to share with the university the academic accomplishments and products of study of more students who submit their work. Provided the ample availability of quality submissions, we, on the editorial board, have decided to publish two issues of *SPICE* this year. A defining feature of the PPE department is its commitment to interdisciplinary study, which allows for an impressive breadth of scholarship. In this spirit, we hope to illuminate a diverse selection of the promising works offered by students throughout the university.

As will always be the case, this journal would not exist if not for the talent and generosity of the authors who submit their works for consideration; if not for the careful and meticulous selection and editing processes of the board; and if not for the tireless devotion of Dr. Doug Paletta, not only to *SPICE* but to the PPE department as a whole. We would like to extend our

sincerest thanks to all members of the university community who make this journal possible and all who contribute to its ongoing success.

It is thus with great pride that we share this issue with you. Thank you for taking a moment to read it. We hope you find something you enjoy, something that stimulates your intellectual interests, or, at the very least, something worth your while.

Sincerely,

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Editors-in-Chief