

Editorial Notes

The special theme of the present volume, “Philosophy of Catastrophe” was decided by the initial Working Group, which was formed to create this journal, but it was not me who suggested it. I myself am not so well versed in the genealogy of the “philosophy of catastrophe”. To begin with, the terms such as “field” or “domain” seem inappropriate when it comes to this philosophical research. Even if the problems of the “catastrophe”, the “crisis”, the “risk” or the “uncertain” have been traditionally and constantly argued about by philosophers, the accumulated knowledges cannot yet be said to constitute a particular scholarly field or domain of “philosophy of catastrophe”. This philosophy would certainly seek to tackle the difficult phenomena of catastrophe in real life and not be content with being confined to theory.

These circumstances may account for the extremely limited number of entries for this volume. Accordingly, this volume carries only the invited articles within the part “I Special Theme”. We have the honor of publishing four articles of representative researchers which were selected as a way of fulfilling this “Special Theme”. Each of them clarified admirably the contemporary problem of catastrophe and, to put it concretely, that of the nuclear problem from her/his proper perspective.

Professor Jean-Pierre Dupuy, the leading figure and worldwide well-known expert of the “nuclear deterrence” contributed his exceedingly profound speculation. The articles which were written by two young scholars, Professor Orietta Ombrosi and Professor Nicolas Prignot can assure us that they are now forming the research field of “philosophy of catastrophe”. And Editorial committee is deeply grateful to our President of the Philosophical Association of Japan, Professor Ichinose Masaki for the essential article for this volume as a part of his significant reflection and investigation on “Risk, Precaution, and Causation”.

Tetsugaku Vol. 6 came to be published with the acutely actual theme, “Philosophy of Catastrophe”, given the worldwide situation where pandemic, disasters, and wars, one after another, haunt us.

For this volume, we invited as a guest editor from outside of the Philosophical Association of Japan, Tonaki Yotetsu, a scholar who takes on the opening of this new philosophical field of the catastrophe, for whose support we are greatly thankful. Surely this issue could never have been realized without deputy editors, Jeremiah Alberg and Nishimura Seishu’s faithful support, Shirakawa Shintaro and the other

editorial committee members' sincere help. We would like to acknowledge Jeremiah and Shintaro for their kind advice in the details of editing the works. In conclusion, we appreciate very much Sova P. K. Cerda for his meticulous revisions of English expressions within several articles.

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