# Introducing: Discussion Articles

The Journal of Social Ontology invites submissions to a new section of the journal, *Discussions,* which aims to provide space for a wider variety of contributions to foster ongoing conversations in the field. Articles published in this section (designated ‘discussion articles’) may be shorter than a typical journal article: they should be between 3000 and 6000 words. They may also be more tightly focused in terms of their scope, for example in one of the following ways:

* Offering an extended critical discussion of a particular work in the field, such as a recent publication or a neglected work from an earlier time.
* Delineating a problem or lacuna in the field, without necessarily also offering a solution or positive response to it.
* Mapping a connection between different areas of the field, or between an area of the field and a related field or discipline, without necessarily also defending a specific position on the issues at stake.

These suggestions are illustrative, not exhaustive, and authors designating their submissions as discussion articles are invited to comment briefly on their aspirations for their article in their covering letter.

Discussion articles should be philosophically substantive and rigorously presented, and they will be double-anonymously reviewed by two reviewers, similarly to standard articles. However, referees will be made aware of the scope and aims of discussion section articles, and, in the interests of a speedy decision, they will be encouraged to recommend either *acceptance* or *rejection*. Revisions will only be recommended in exceptional cases. Contributions to *Discussions* may at times be invited (for example when a discussion article engages in detail with a particular work, the author of that work may be invited to submit their own discussion article in response); all invited submissions will be peer-reviewed in the same way as non-invited submissions.

In introducing *Discussions,* the journal aims to recognise and accommodate the fact that valuable contributions to critical dialogue and ongoing conversations in the field can take a wide variety of forms (some of which are not a harmonious fit with the format expectations that currently predominate for standard journal articles). We hope authors and readers will find this section fruitful.