

Editorial: Country Reports on Philosophy of Science

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Since its beginning the *Journal for General Philosophy of Science* (JGPS) has published reports on the philosophy of science in a variety of countries and regions of the world, with a special focus on Europe. The first of these accounts—published in the very first issue of JGPS in 1970—was Jaakko Hintikka’s “Philosophy of Science (Wissenschaftstheorie) in Finland”. Since then, 24 reports have been published, which cover the majority of the European countries, as well as the US, Canada, and Japan.

Clearly, present-day philosophy of science is increasingly being moulded by a global discourse. Nevertheless, its topics, directions and styles are subject to regional and local circumstances, the investigation of which becomes even more interesting in our globalized era. Elaborating on these varying circumstances also helps making explicit specific differences, which are displayed in the respective institutional forms of various organizations and interdisciplinary co-operations, which are of special relevance for the philosophy of science.

With this issue, the new editors of JGPS continue the journal’s tradition of country reports: In our 25th report, Friedrich Stadler portrays the development of the philosophy of science in Austria. A first report on this ‘native country’ of twentieth-century philosophy of science has already been published in 1993. We considered 20 years an appropriate time span in order to provide our readers with an updated overview of recent developments. The editors invite suggestions for additional reports and encourage potential authors to pen informative and concise accounts on the developments of the philosophy of science in their respective countries. Proposals should be directed to the editorial office of JGPS.

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