

# dialectica

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## Legal and financial aspects of the decision put before the General Assembly on the 19th of March 2025

In the case of a vote in favour of PB's proposition, the future steering committee / executive board (comprising the present members and those elected at the ordinary GA) is mandated to conclude a work-contract with Philipp Blum and a publishing contract with *Philosophie.ch*, should such a contract be offered. The steering committee will be responsible that the journal meets its obligations laid down in this contract and for the supervision of the work of the editor. Philipp Blum will be authorised to open an account in the name of the association and future income of the journal will be paid into this account.

In the case of a vote in favour of FC's proposition, there is a divorce of journal and publisher:

- The journal retains the right to the name "Dialectica" and its ISSN.
- The new editor or editors are responsible for all issues of 2025 and thereafter.
- Upon request, CrossRef will transfer the DOIs of all *Dialectica* articles (published before, during and after the Wiley period) to the journal or a new publisher. The journal or the publisher will be responsible for keeping available, at the links they register for these DOIs, all articles, under a CC-BY licence.
- The ASSH funding of 30'000 CHF for 2025 has been secured and will be transferred to the journal in spring 2026 through the Swiss Philosophical Society, upon presentation of a financial report. The application for 2026 has been made, the one for 2027 will have to be made in February 2026.
- Under the present contract, jstor will probably transfer around 3'500 CHF in 2026 from their sale of *Dialectica*'s archive.
- *Philosophie.ch* and Wiley retain the right to make available (and even sell, if they wish so) all articles before the 1/2025 and 1/2020 issues respectively.
- *Philosophie.ch* remains the owner of the fishpond, the markdown workflow, the OA toolkit, the bibliography and all data sent by authors or produced in the copy-editing process.
- *Philosophie.ch* retains the right to produce, sell or otherwise receive funds for books published in the *Dialectica* Library, including those that contain papers from special issues.

There are no other assets, documentation, contracts or obligations to transfer.

As a moral, not contractual obligation, *Philosophie.ch* might offer the journal to publish the 2024 issues which have entered the copy-editing process, for a fee or for free.

**Conclusion:** In case of a vote in favour of FC's proposition, *Dialectica* will more or less start on a blank slate. The new editor or editors will have to start organising the refereeing process as soon as possible. To help with the transition, *Philosophie.ch* could keep open the fishpond (for submissions to be included in the 2024 issues) during April, and the GA of *Philosophie.ch* on the 3rd of May 2025 could be the cut-off point, where the rights to the name and the DOIs would officially be transferred.

