

Editorial

We are proud to bring to our readers the sixth special issue of ABSTRACTA, dedicated to *Knowledge on Trust* (Oxford University Press 2011), written by Paul Faulkner from the University of Sheffield.

In *Knowledge on Trust* Faulkner presents a theory of testimony, according to which one can obtain knowledge on the basis of testimony if and only if one has reasons to trust the speaker. Faulkner offers an account of a form of trust – which he calls affective trust – that can play the epistemic role of providing rational support for beliefs obtained via testimony. According Arnon Keren, one of the commentators in our symposium, Faulkner’s “explanation of how trust can be rational, and how beliefs formed through trust can be epistemically warranted, is highly original.” (p.34)

As a significant contribution to the growing literature on the epistemology of testimony, *Knowledge on Trust* deserves extended discussion, and that is what we tried to bring out with this symposium. We would like to thank, first of all, Paul Faulkner himself, for his time, attention and unfailing support towards this project. Secondly, we would like to thank the authors, who took their time to write substantial pieces on *Knowledge and Trust*: Guy Longworth, Arnon Keren, Edward S. Hinchman, Katherine Hawley and Peter J. Graham. Last, but not least, we would like to thank Oxford University Press for their support.

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