Editorial

After Husserl: Phenomenological Foundations of Mathematics

First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude to all contributors for all of the hard work they put into writing their pieces of original work to show the lasting vibrancy and vitality of Edmund Husserl’s ideas and to encourage further investigations. From the outset it was my intention to open up a way of research on different interpretative perspectives on Edmund Husserl and his interlocutors (Gottlob Frege, Oskar Becker, David Hilbert, Hermann Weyl, J. Klein, L.E.J. Brouwer, Kurt Gödel, Bourbaki, Marc Richir), which does not end up either in the naive celebration of Husserl’s investigations of das Mathematisierendes Dasein or in its brute rejection.

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