This is the 8th issue of Crossroads and marks the first since the journal was granted an A Grade ranking on the Excellence in Research for Australia (E. R. A.) list of journals, an initiative of the Australian Research Council (A. R. C.). We are pleased that this landmark issue once again concentrates on the works of Luiz Costa Lima, the renowned Brazilian philosopher. This issue publishes articles discussing Costa Lima’s work as well as his reflections upon them. He has also included an article that is published here for the first time. And again many of these articles have been translated especially for this issue thus creating a greater resource available to the English speaking world.

As the Chair of the Editorial Board I have taken the time to read these articles, and have been very pleased that I did. It is always gratifying when one’s horizons are expanded, and when an article forces you to sit and ponder. I hope that many of our readers experience something similar, regardless of their academic orientations.

We thank all those who have contributed their time and effort to this issue. Many receive no public acknowledgement, and we hope this will readdress the situation.

Please feel free to e-mail any comments you may have on either this Special Issue or the journal in general, (and of course your submissions), to xroadsjournal@gmail.com.

We hope that you enjoy this issue.