

Preface

THIS ISSUE OF *Variants* is a double number, serving as the volumes for 2003 (number 2) and for 2004 (number 3). The key reason for this double number is the substantial size of the collection of essays brought in by the editors of this issue, Dirk Van Hulle and Wim Van Mierlo. The total amounted to a considerably larger volume than our first number. The coherency of the collection makes it desirable that all the essays be published together. The delays experienced in production of this volume, while we changed both publisher and production method, also contributed to the decision to amalgamate the numbers for 2003 and 2004 into a single volume.

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