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The editorial team would like to congratulate Dr. Lucas Freire on winning the 2017 H.G. Stoker Prize for Application of Reformational Philosophy to the Philosophy of a Specific Discipline for his article “Security Studies: Towards a Reformational Approach,” which was published two years ago in *Philosophia Reformata* (vol. 81.1).

In the article, Dr. Freire undertakes a careful analysis of the interdisciplinary field of security studies. Like many interdisciplinary fields, security studies is characterized by a wide diversity of theoretical approaches, each with its own implicit philosophical underpinnings, and often in tension with each other. He then homes in on one influential approach, to wit, securitization theory, and shows how its emphasis on the multifacetedness of security resonates with key insights from Reformational philosophy, specifically with Dooyeweerd’s theory of irreducible modal aspects. He goes on to explore how securitization theory might be further enriched by taking into account the theory of modal aspects.

Dr. Freire’s article demonstrates the lasting importance and fruitfulness of Reformational philosophy, also in shedding light on novel interdisciplinary fields of science. If you haven’t already read it, we encourage you to do so! We are proud to have published Dr. Freire’s article, we hope that he will continue his efforts to apply Reformational philosophy in the field of international relations, and we look forward to seeing more of his work appear in print in the pages of our journal.

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