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In this, the fifth edition of Polyvicia, we have continued to build on the foundations made by previous editions to compile an interdisciplinary set of article and book reviews. We would like to thank those who submitted their articles, and who have edited, re-worked and re-written various parts of their papers as part of the peer-reviewing process. We are also thankful to the peer-reviewers for their help and invaluable comments.

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