

## **Message to the GTA Members and to all Readers of *Gestalt Theory***

The Board of GTA and the editors of *Gestalt Theory* would like to make you aware of some important changes. The Krammer-Verlag is to close because Mr. Krammer is going into retirement.

We owe a great deal to this publisher: he has taken excellent charge of publishing our journal and our books in the last decades. We might even go so far as to call this company 'The Gestalt Theory Publishers'.

This change makes it necessary that we find new ways of building on the experience of recent years and maintaining successful innovations.

The move of the magazine to open-access publication has been a great success, not only in terms of reducing costs, but also through increasing the range of publications, which in turn has benefited the individual contributions.. We hoped to give the Journal and its contributions a stronger online presence and thus to increase the attractiveness and renown of the journal and, consequently, Gestalt theory.

All of these factors led to the decision to publish *Gestalt Theory* from 2017 with the publishing company de Gruyter Open ([www.degruyteropen.com](http://www.degruyteropen.com)).

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The inclusive takeover of old volumes of the journal by de Gruyter Open is possible but also quite expensive, and will eventually be carried out depending on our financial position at a later date.

Maintaining a paper output of *Gestalt Theory* is of great importance to both board and publisher. But as the costs of production and shipping of single issues are very high, it was decided to edit an annual yearbook at the end of the year, in which all the contributions of the year will appear collected in print form.

GTA members can indicate via an order form whether they wish to receive a hard copy of the annual contributions in December of the following year. The form for next year is included in this issue, and from 2017 will be included in the yearbook,.

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