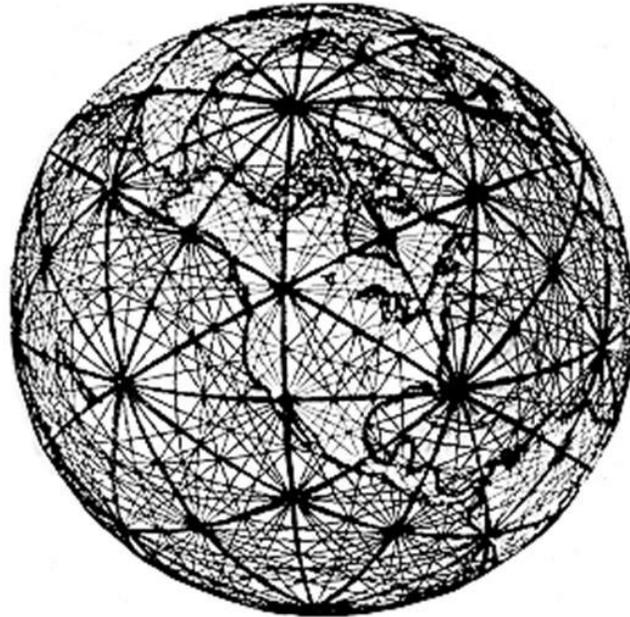


***Borderless Philosophy* 9 (2026), Third and Final Call for Submissions on the Special Topic: “We Were Supposed to Be Self-Guided: The Fate of Autonomy in The Present Era.”**



Borderless Philosophy's Editorial Team is pleased to announce a Third and Final Call for Submissions for our ninth issue (2026), on the special topic:

“We Were Supposed to Be Self-Guided: The Fate of Autonomy in The Present Era.”

TOPIC DESCRIPTION:

In “The Aufklaerung Song,” the philosophically-minded rock band **Johannes Faustus** sang: “We were supposed to be self-guided. But where did our reason go?” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=er56ksTGRxU>

What's happened to our autonomy in the present era—sometimes called an “Age of Disillusionment,” in which we see the re-emergence of nationalism, authoritarianism, and fascism, the decline of democracy, ecological disaster, and an obsession with digital technology, especially including AI—and what can be done about it? BP seeks incisive critical analyses and innovative philosophical suggestions about how best to actualize the Enlightenment promise of individual and collective autonomy in our contemporary and near-future context.

All submitted essays or other works exploring issues or problems directly relevant to any aspect of this special topic, whether from a metaphysical, epistemic, psychological, ethical/moral, or sociopolitical point of view, will be considered.

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Deadline for Submissions for BP9 (2026): 1 January 2026.

Please send your submissions to this e-address:

philosophywithoutborders1@gmail.com.

And please submit your work as a Word-file, if practicable.

During January 2026 your work will be reviewed by three members of *Borderless Philosophy's* six-person Editorial Team, and considered for publication in our ninth issue, which is slated to appear in June 2026.

Borderless Philosophy's only criteria of selection are (i) that the work be of genuine interest to philosophers or any other philosophically-minded person, and (ii) that the work be generally accessible to non-academics as well as professional academics, with a minimum of scholarly apparatus.

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This means that: (i) your identity will not be revealed to the three-person selection team during the selection process, (ii) the selection team will review your submission, make a decision, and inform you of that decision by **1 February 2026**, and (iii) if your work is deselected, you'll also receive a short letter from the selection team spelling out their reasons for deselection, and making friendly suggestions for improvement and revision.

Selected works will move on to the work-shopping phase, editing, and finally publication in *Borderless Philosophy 9 (2026)* during June 2026.

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