

## Foreword, volume 1: Truth

[\*\*Editorial note: this manuscript file will be replaced by a definitive pdf in early 2013\*\*]

[2] The *Cahiers pour l'Analyse*, published by the Ecole Normale Supérieure's Cercle d'Épistémologie, aim to present new and previously published texts dealing with logic, linguistics, psychoanalysis, and all the sciences of analysis, in order to help constitute a theory of discourse.

Without wanting to sacrifice any of the generality of such a project, here is how we understand some of the terms we will use.

We define epistemology as the history and theory of the discourse of science [la *science*] (its birth justifies this use of the singular).

By discourse, we mean a process of language that truth constrains. That what this design implies is in our view a suture will be clear from the texts that comprise this first issue.

We dub analytical, finally, any discourse whose function can be reduced to that of putting into place units that produce themselves and repeat themselves, whatever the principle may be that it assigns to the transformations at play in its system. What is at issue is analysis properly speaking, i.e. the theory that deals with concepts of element and combination [*combinatoire*] as such.

Who could doubt that this research chiefly concerns dialectical materialism, given the scope of its significance today, and Louis Althusser's recognition of its import?

The reader will find a justification of these proposals in the present volume. The subsequent issues will follow their own distinctive paths: there is nothing about our project that clings to the particularity of a doctrine. For us it is only a matter of training ourselves [*de nous former*], following our teachers, in line with the rigour of the concept.

For the editorial board: Jacques-Alain Miller, 1 January 1966.