

## Introduction to Volume 3 Number 2

For over a decade ending in 1999, historian and social critic, Ivan Illich “rested” in State College, where upon the invitation of Professor Rustom Roy, Illich held a visiting professorship in both the Dept. of Philosophy and the (now defunct) Science, Technology & Society Program at Penn State University. Although no complete history of Illich’s efforts during his time at Penn State exists, numerous publications resulted from the many symposia, lectures, and gatherings held as a consequence of Illich’s time in State College. With Illich’s arrival each fall, others, too, arrived from all parts of the world to extend their reflections, collaborations, and stories—in some way all related to Ivan.

The lecture hall in 112 Walker Building was the site of Illich’s public lectures each semester. Fitting then, that on Dec. 3, 2012, the same room was the location of an event commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Illich’s death, “Remembering Ivan Illich.” On this evening, two of Ivan’s dear friends (Samar Farage, Sajay Samuel), two former colleagues (Gene Bazan, Lakshman Yapa), and one admirer (Roger Shouse) gathered to share their thoughts in the very room where Illich shared his own. The event was one of many held around the world – all celebrations in homage to the thinker now being discovered, even re-discovered by many.

Though the room has changed negligibly in the days since Illich’s lectures drew hundreds of people, what remains constant is the depth of insight and breadth of inspiration Illich’s work continues to pose for those who look seriously, authentically, at his work.

This special issue is devoted to the commemoration held at Penn State.

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