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**Cover: The MIIM LCA PhD Club.** During 1998, the number of completed PhDs on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) seemed to be larger than any previous year. In order to mark this achievement, a special series is being published in this journal. In the introductory paper (Vol. 4, No. 3, pp. 175-179), the Class of MIIM outlined the results of their research work over the last few years. A number of common points and tendencies have emerged through this work. First of all, the scope-dependency of LCA models. Secondly, a number of theses focus on the interaction between LCA and decision-making. Thirdly, the benefits of pluralism in impact assessment and allocation have been advocated. Further papers (pp. 85-95) map out the intellectual journeys undertaken in the development of the theses and discuss key findings in more detail.

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<sup>1</sup> Due to the discussion comments received during the period of Online-First publication, the article has been revised.

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