

Preface

The essays collected in this book are based on the lectures given in London as part of the Royal Institute of Philosophy's annual lecture series for 2000–2001. In the essays the contributors each took an important theme in current philosophical debate and developed it in his or her own way. I think that the collection as a whole will be seen as an important contribution to the contemporary philosophical discussion of mind and language.

On behalf of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, I would like to thank the contributors for their lectures and essays. I have, though sadly to record that Gregory McCulloch died prematurely, shortly after giving his lecture. An original and wide-ranging thinker, he will be sorely missed.

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