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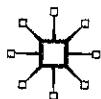
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Series Editor's Foreword

During the first half of the twentieth century, analytic philosophy gradually established itself as the dominant tradition in the English-speaking world, and over the last few decades it has taken firm root in many other parts of the world. There has been increasing debate over just what 'analytic philosophy' means, as the movement has ramified into the complex tradition that we know today, but the influence of the concerns, ideas and methods of early analytic philosophy on contemporary thought is indisputable. All this has led to greater self-consciousness among analytic philosophers about the nature and origins of their tradition, and scholarly interest in its historical development and philosophical foundations has blossomed in recent years, with the result that history of analytic philosophy is now recognized as a major field of philosophy in its own right.

The main aim of the series in which the present book appears, the first series of its kind, is to create a venue for work on the history of analytic philosophy, consolidating the area as a major field of philosophy and promoting further research and debate. The 'history of analytic philosophy' is understood broadly as covering the period from the last three decades of the nineteenth century to the start of the twenty-first century, beginning with the work of Frege, Russell, Moore and Wittgenstein, who are generally regarded as its main founders, and the influences upon them, and going right up to the most recent developments. In allowing the 'history' to extend to the present, the aim is to encourage engagement with contemporary debates in philosophy, for example, in showing how the concerns of early analytic philosophy relate to current concerns. In focusing on analytic philosophy, the aim is not to exclude comparisons with other – earlier or contemporary – traditions, or consideration of figures or themes that some might regard as marginal to the analytic tradition but which also throw light on analytic philosophy. Indeed, a further aim of the series is to deepen our understanding of the broader context in which analytic philosophy developed, by looking, for example, at the roots of analytic philosophy in neo-Kantianism or British idealism, or the connections between analytic philosophy and phenomenology, or discussing the work of philosophers who were important in the development of analytic philosophy but who are now often forgotten.

The current volume, edited by Erich Reck, was specially commissioned when the series as a whole was established. Reck has played a key role in shaping the new field of history of analytic philosophy, beginning with an influential collection published in 2002 entitled *From Frege to Wittgenstein:*

Perspectives on Early Analytic Philosophy. His brief for the present volume was to invite some of the leading scholars in the field (both established and from the next generation) to either provide case studies of individual analytic philosophers, address certain broader themes, or reflect on some of the methodological issues that are raised by work on the history of analytic philosophy. The case studies (focusing on Russell, Carnap, Quine and Ryle) form Part I of the volume, discussions of certain broader themes (in philosophy of language, logic, mathematics and mind) constitute Part II, and methodological reflections are offered in Part III.

As Reck explains in his introduction, analytic philosophy originally arose with an ahistorical – and even anti-historical – agenda, and even today analytic philosophy is still seen by many in this light, and either commended or criticized for it, depending on one's point of view. The very existence of history of analytic philosophy (as a field of philosophy), and this series itself, not only bears witness to a change of attitude within analytic philosophy but also poses a challenge to analytic philosophers still working in ahistorical or anti-historical ways. Questions concerning the relationship between philosophy and history of philosophy are forced to the surface, and many of the contributors to the present volume offer accounts of this relationship and views on what a healthy perspective should be. The contributors do not speak with a single voice, but there is certainly agreement about the value of studying the history of analytic philosophy and the importance, in general, of history of philosophy for philosophy.

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