

PREFACE

The papers in this special supplementary issue of *The Journal of Philosophical Research* represent diverse contributions to the American Philosophical Association's celebration, in 2001, of the 100th anniversary of its founding. All were given at divisional meetings of the Association except the opening paper by John Searle (who at the time was unable to attend). The other six are printed here in the order in which they were given: Gilbert Harman and Charlene Seigfried delivered their papers at the Pacific Division meetings in March, 2001; Karen Hanson and George Pappas presented theirs at the Central Division meetings in May of that year; and Jaegwon Kim and Christine Korsgaard gave theirs at the Eastern Division meetings in December, 2001. The sessions were arranged by the Centennial Subcommittee of the Association's Committee on Lectures, Publications, and research (Robert Audi, Chair; Panayot Butchvarov; John Lachs; and Elizabeth Radcliffe), with advice and assistance from many people. The editorial work was done by Hugh McCann and the staff of the *Journal*.

The papers are appropriately wide-ranging. They look ahead as well as to the recent and more distant past; they address such major questions as the nature of philosophical method and the status of prominent theories, for instance naturalism and constructivism; and they contribute to our understanding of central topics, such as the a priori, and of subfields of philosophy, including ethics, epistemology, and philosophy of mind. They are sometimes metaphilosophical, addressing philosophical methods, the kinds of data to which philosophy is responsible, and the continuity between philosophical theorizing and scientific inquiry. Some of them make a case for philosophical pluralism; as a group they surely exemplify it.

As wide-ranging as these papers are, it will be obvious that they only suggest the diversity, directions, and challenge of the field of philosophy today. It would have been impossible in a single volume to do much more. We do believe, however, that philosophers of very different kinds will find that these papers contain a wealth of ideas, issues, and arguments that indicate both major concerns of philosophy in the past and some promising directions for philosophical inquiry in the future.

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