

## Preface

The main theme of the ninth volume of *Eco-ethica* is “Engagement and Philosophical Responsibility.” A number of the essays included here are revised papers from the 39th International Symposium of Eco-ethica, which was held from November 6 to November 10, 2019, and was meticulously organized by Jayne Svenungsson and Bengt Kristensson Uggla. We would like to express our thanks to them. The meeting was held in honor of Peter Kemp (1937–2018), who succeeded Tomonobu Imamichi as President of the Tomonobu Imamichi Institute for Eco-ethica.

The 39th International Symposium of Eco-ethica was held at the Sigtuna Foundation (Sigtunastiftelsen), a conference and study center located by Lake Mälaren at the outskirts of the historic town of Sigtuna (16 km north of Stockholm, Sweden). For more than a century this combination of school, library, home, and sanctuary, with buildings inspired by an ancient Swedish castle and a Tuscan monastery, has functioned as a meeting place for artists, writers, and scholars from Sweden and abroad. Dr. Alf Linderman, Director of the Foundation, generously invited our international group of Eco-ethica philosophers. He provided us with excellent accommodations and made other important contributions to the program. This Foundation, with its principal aim to inspire human thought and reflection, proved an ideal venue for our symposium on engagement and philosophical responsibility. We want to express our deepest gratitude to Dr. Linderman for his hospitality.

We would like to thank LaVerne Maginnis, who again copyedited the English-language contributions and prepared the volume for publication. We are grateful to George Leaman and the Philosophy Documentation Center for publishing this volume, and especially to Greg Swope, who worked with us on its path to publication.

The journal is open not only to those who participate in our symposia, but also to all who write on topics in this area. All submissions should be prepared for blind review and sent to Robert Bernasconi at [rlb43@psu.edu](mailto:rlb43@psu.edu).

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