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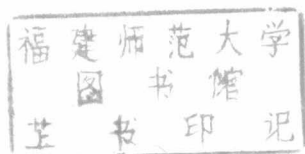
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Preface

The essays contained in this collection represent what seem to us to be canonical texts in contemporary political philosophy. But they only represent the contemporary canon, they do not exhaust it. Although this collection is two or perhaps three times the size of most, we nevertheless found that we had space for only a sample of the very many more texts and topics that we would like to have included.

The collection is deliberately designed as a companion to our earlier *Companion to Contemporary Political Philosophy* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1993). We attempted to retain something of the same flavour in this collection, much the same scope of substantive concerns and much the same diversity of analytic styles. Inevitably, though, there is so much more surveyed in the *Companion's* many

chapters than can be reprinted here. Interested readers are referred back to the *Companion* not only to situate the texts in the present collection but also for further readings and whole other sets of concerns.

The *Companion* as a whole, and our own introduction to it, serves effectively as a preface to this collection. So we will not expound at length here upon our views as to the nature of the political philosophical enterprise. Let this one comment suffice. We have tried to select and organize the texts included here so as to show political philosophy as it truly is: as a set of ongoing conversations and disputations, arguments and debates.

Robert E. Goodin
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Preface to the Second Edition

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State and Society

