

## Preface

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More than 900 years have passed since Anselm’s death yet, as the contributions to this issue demonstrate, the debate on Anselmian theism is far from over. Anselmian theism remains amongst the most influential forms of theism.

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