Preface

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What may we believe? What ought we to do? These two questions, which are intended as a subtle contemporary version of the questions that concerned Kant, set the parameters of the diverse activities of the Eighth Triannual International Congress, GAP.8, of the German *Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie* (Society for Analytic Philosophy, GAP), held at the University of Konstanz at September 17–20, 2012. These questions remain central systematic questions of theoretical and practical philosophy.

The six articles collected here are the main papers presented at that congress. They can be divided into two groups. First, there are Peter M. S. Hacker's opening lecture, Ulrich Blau's *Erkenntnis* lecture which was sponsored by Springer Publishers, and Roy Sorensen's closing lecture. Second, there are three papers which are all connected to the author's symposium held in honour of Rüdiger Bittner, who received the 2012 Frege-Prize of the *Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie* for a distinguished German analytic philosopher. The symposium started with a talk given by Rüdiger Bittner, and afterwards Thomas E. Hill, Jr., and Sarah Buss discussed various facets of Bittner's work.

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