Guest Editors' Words

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Three of the four essays that appear here under the title “Confucian and Liberal Perspectives on Family, State, and Civil Society” were selected from a group of thirteen papers originally presented at a conference with the same name, which was held at City University of Hong Kong in December of 2010. The fourth, the contribution by KIM Sungmoon, was written especially for this collection. After receiving the criticisms, ideas, and impressions of colleagues at the conference, the editors selected the four papers and provided the authors with detailed comments and suggestions. After completing a round of revision and editing, we approached Professor Fred Dallmayr and asked him to write a set of critical comments on the essays in our collection. We were honored and delighted that he agreed. The revised essays and commentary were then presented to Professor HUANG Yong, editor of *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, who sent them out for blind review. After another round of revision and editing, the articles were accepted and attained their present form. We would like to thank all of our contributors, the participants of the original conference, the blind referees, and especially Professor HUANG Yong for helping to develop, refine, and bring to completion this set of essays. We acknowledge and express our profound gratitude to the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange for its generous support of the conference at which these essays were first presented. We also thank the Department of Public and Social Administration at City University of Hong Kong for its subsequent support of the production of this volume.

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