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Blackmore, my sons, Ervin and Kevin,
and my dear friend Roberto Salinas León.*

–Imer B. Flores

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–Kenneth Einar Himma

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In that sense, this volume grew out of a Special Workshop at the XXIV IVR World Congress *Global Harmony and the Rule of Law* in Beijing, China, in 2009, which drew more attention than originally expected: on the one hand, several scholars were interested and at the end 11 papers presented; and, on the other hand, Mortimer Sellers approached to offer the possibility of publishing them in the collection “Jus Gentium: Comparative Perspectives on Law and Justice”. However, since Profs. Raban and Uygur had other previous commitments, Kenneth Einar Himma stepped in as co-editor. Similarly, since some authors were not in a position to submit their original papers for publication, as editors, we – Flores and Himma – decided to invite other scholars to contribute to the volume. We are indebted to the IVR for accepting the proposal and we are extremely grateful to all those who participated in the workshop and contributed papers to this volume.

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