PREFACE

Few have contributed so much to the articulation and defense of internalism and the coherence theory as Keith Lehrer. Thanks to his persistent efforts, we are in a better position to appreciate their consequences and assess their tenability. The authors who have contributed to this book were asked to take a closer look at Lehrer's epistemology from their own different perspectives. Many are, of course, critical; that is in the nature of the game. But the reader will also find several constructive attempts to defend or improve on Lehrer's theory. In the final essay, Lehrer gives his replies. All articles appear here for the first time.

I am personally indebted to Keith Lehrer in many different ways. Most importantly, his Theory of Knowledge was the first book I read on epistemology, and it made me start thinking seriously about the subject. I never stopped. In recent years I have had the great pleasure of meeting Keith and discussing philosophical issues with him on several occasions. I take the opportunity here to express my gratitude for this and also for his support and practical advice in connection with this book project. Ann Hickman has done an excellent job in preparing the book for publication, for which I am extremely grateful. Thanks also to Christopher von Buelow and Radu Duda for their editorial assistance. Finally, my warm thanks goes to all contributing authors for their dedication and commitment. My own work was financed by the German Research Council (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) as a contribution to the research project Logic in Philosophy (Logik in der Philosophie). Involved in this research project, among the authors, are also Wolfgang Spohn, Hans Rott, Volker Halbach and, as associated members, Gordian Haas and Jacob Rosenthal.

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