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This collection originates from a series of three conferences under the auspices of the Bucharest Colloquium in Analytic Philosophy. The first took place in 2010, and it was called The Actuality of the Early Analytic Philosophy. It was followed in 2011 by Frege’s Philosophy of Mathematics and Language and in 2012 by Philosophy of Mathematics Today.

Most of the papers in the volume were presented, in an earlier version, at one of these conferences; the remaining essays were specially commissioned. In putting together the present volume, I have kept the focus on the original idea of the first conference, namely the contemporary relevance of early analytic philosophy. Although the papers of this collection are mainly dedicated to a specialized public, familiar with the issues and methods of analytic philosophy, the volume is designed so that it can also serve as a useful companion for various introductory courses covering the origin and the evolution of the analytic tradition.

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