## Preface

This volume contains the notes of lectures given at the School "Quantum Potential Theory: Structure and Applications to Physics". This school was held at the Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg in Greifswald from February 26 to March 9, 2007. We thank the lecturers for the hard work they accomplished in preparing and giving these lectures and in writing these notes. Their lectures give an introduction to current research in their domains, which is essentially self-contained and should be accessible to Ph.D. students. We hope that this volume will help to bring together researchers from the areas of classical and quantum probability, functional analysis and operator algebras, and theoretical and mathematical physics, and contribute in this way to developing further the subject of quantum potential theory.

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