

# Preface

I had my first contact with David Makinson in 1987 when I was a Ph.D. student. Peter Gärdenfors advised me to send my manuscript on belief change to David, since he was such a good commentator. So I did. Three weeks later when returning home from a short vacation I found three handwritten letters from David, containing detailed comments on different parts of the manuscript. Those comments helped me tremendously in improving what became my first publication in that area (appearing in *Theoria* 1989). Like so many others, I have continued over the years to benefit from David's unusual competence as a logician. I have also been much influenced by his continued efforts to make full use of the resources of classical logic. There has been much discussion about the "unreasonable effectiveness of mathematics" in the empirical sciences. Perhaps, we should also start discussing the unreasonable effectiveness of classical logic in the formal sciences. Several remarkable examples of that effectiveness can be found in David's oeuvre.

So it should be no surprise that I was delighted when (before becoming the series editor) I was offered the task of editing this volume. Editing the book has continued to be a pleasure, not least due to the enthusiasm and cooperative spirit of all the authors. All contributions have been thoroughly peer-reviewed (including David's, at his own insistence). Reviewing is proverbially a thankless task, but on behalf of the authors and myself I would like to thank the reviewers who have done so much for the quality of this book: Alex Bochman, Guido Boella, Richard Booth, Luc Bovens, Richard Bradley, John Cantwell, Samir Chopra, Igor Douven, Didier Dubois, J. Michael Dunn, Eduardo Fermé, André Fuhrmann, Lou Goble, Guido Governatori, Davide Grossi, Lloyd Humberstone, Hannes Leitgeb, Joao Marcos, Tommie Meyer, Jeff Paris, Ramon Pino Perez, Tor Sandqvist, Marek Sergot, John Slaney, Kees van Deemter, Frederik van der Putte, Paul Weirich, Emil Weydert, and Gregory Wheeler.

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