

Preface

This volume contains selected papers presented at the *Applying Peirce* conference at the University of Helsinki, 11–13 June 2007. The meeting brought together scholars and researchers to explore and discuss Charles S. Peirce’s thought and its applications. With more than a hundred participants and more than 60 papers presented by an internationally diverse group from many different fields, the organizers felt that a selection of extended papers representative of the contents of the conference should be made available to the public.

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This volume is the first in the series Nordic Studies in Pragmatism, which publishes peer reviewed monographs and collections of articles on philosophical pragmatism. We feel that there is no better way to start this series than with a book highlighting the range and contemporary relevance of the founder of the pragmatist movement.

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