

Preface

The Nordic Pragmatism Network was initiated in 2006 to facilitate the cooperation of Nordic philosophers and scientists whose work concerns philosophical pragmatism both with one another and with colleagues and collaborators elsewhere in the world. In 2008, the Network organized its first Nordic Pragmatism Conference in Helsinki hosted by Sami Pihlström. Subsequent conferences were organized annually in 2009–2011, respectively hosted by Jón Ólafsson in Reykjavík, Ulf Zackariasson in Uppsala and Margareta Bertilsson in Copenhagen. This series of conferences concluded in the first European Pragmatism Conference, itself a major achievement in the establishment of pragmatism as an independent area of inquiry in Europe, organized together with Italian colleagues in Rome, Italy, in 2012. Since 2007, Henrik Rydenfelt has acted as the coordinator of the Network and a co-organizer of each of the conferences.

In 2010, the Network also established its own online publication series, the Nordic Studies in Pragmatism. This volume, edited by Ulf Zackariasson, collects together contributions from the Nordic participants of the conferences arranged in 2009, 2010 and 2011. In accordance with the different themes of those conferences, the volume represents contributions to various topics and fields of inquiry related to philosophical pragmatism. It attests to the impact pragmatist notions and arguments may have if brought to bear on debates in philosophy of science, epistemology, philosophy of language, logic, ontology, ethics and metaethics, sociology, political philosophy and philosophy of religion. At the same time it provides an overview of key Nordic advances and debates in these areas of inquiry. The series editors would like to express their gratitude to Mr. Jukka Nikulainen for the technical production of this volume.

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