

# Preface

The papers collected in this volume are based on the lectures given in London as the Royal Institute of Philosophy's annual lecture series for 2001–2 under the title of *Minds and Persons*. If nothing else, the range and diversity of the lectures demonstrate the complexity of the topics discussed and the multiplicity of approaches to them in current philosophical discussion. It would be fair to say both that some of the leading contributors to that discussion are represented in this volume and also that within it there are some strikingly original theses and arguments.

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