

## Preface

This volume consists of the lectures given in the Royal Institute of Philosophy's annual lecture series in London in 2005-06. Both the topics and the contributors testify to the liveliness of the philosophy of science currently, and to the range of interests within the area. They also testify to the ways in which issues and positions in the philosophy of science bear on central questions of philosophy more generally, such as realism, natural kinds and epistemological progress.

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