

Preface

After perhaps some decades of neglect, the topic of value is once more centre stage in philosophy. We have moved away from the crude idea that all talk of value is merely a reflection of the speaker's emotions. But the precise epistemological and ontological status of values remains a matter of philosophical controversy.

This collection of essays derives from the Royal Institute of Philosophy's annual lecture series of 1998–9. In it the contributors explore how questions of value arise in many areas, including epistemology, ethics, aesthetics, fundamental metaphysics and spirituality.

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