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Foreword

The remote source of the present volume is a workshop on *Concepts*, which was held at the Department of Philosophy of the University of Pisa in September 2003. The motivation of the meeting, which was participated by people from various countries, was the publication of the Italian translation of Ruth Garrett Millikan's book *On Clear and Confused Ideas. An Essay about Substance Concepts* (edited by Carlo Marletti, ETS, Pisa 2003). Various obstacles, including difficulties in gathering the papers read at the workshop, have postponed the publication of the proceedings to such a point that only a trace of the original material has survived. It is important, however, to remind that remote origin, because the meeting was very lively, and the aim of this volume is in fact to carry on the discussion started there.

The reader will find here a collection of papers on different topics in various branches of philosophy in the analytical tradition. What they have in common is, essentially, the analytical style which characterizes all of them, although they tackle widely different problems. They cover different disciplines: logic (both mathematical and philosophical), epistemology, philosophy of science, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, philosophy of mathematics, ethics, and also linguistics and the cognitive sciences. The variety of topics and the lively exposition characterizing the essays are such that we hope that readers with widely different concerns could find something of interest in at least some of them.

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C. M.

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