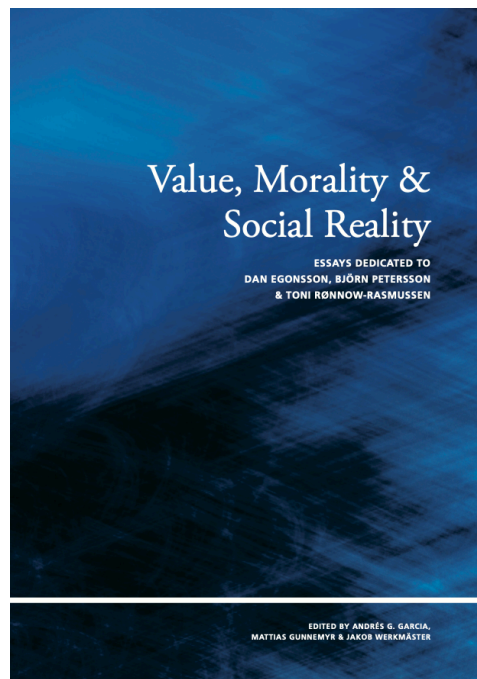


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Preface

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Dan Egonsson, Björn Petersson, and Toni Rønnow-Rasmussen have been pillars of the Swedish philosophical community for over three decades and made important contributions to its work in ethics. They have done so not only through their internationally renowned research about value, morality, and social reality but also through their teaching and efforts to guide the next generations of practical philosophers at Lund University. Being the same age, they began their studies at roughly the same time in the 1980s, and they have since then played central roles in shaping the research and teaching environment at the Department of Philosophy at Lund University. We would argue that their most impressive feats in recent years include their patient guidance of us, the editors of this festschrift, as we have gone from being their confused students to becoming their confused colleagues. Using the excuse that two of them are now in various stages of retirement and that all will be celebrating their 67th birthdays the upcoming summer, we have decided to put together this festschrift and arrange a symposium to express our gratitude and pay tribute to their work.

Their work has focused on a variety of themes from practical philosophy that are reflected in the title of the present festschrift. Within this anthology, we have collected thirty-two papers from as many philosophers, dealing with questions that lie in close proximity to those themes. For example, there are papers here on such varied issues as harm, aesthetics, final value, human dignity, social ontology, instrumental value, moral responsibility, and so on.

We owe thanks to all the contributors and reviewers that have helped us put together this festschrift: David Alm, Henrik Andersson, Olle Blomberg, Eric Brandstedt, Johan Brännmark, Krister Bykvist, Erik Carlsson, Stephen Darwall, Anton Emilsson, Seyyed Mohsen Eslami, Cathrine V. Felix, Frits Gåvertsson, Lena Halldenius, Jens Johansson, Benjamin Kiesewetter, Kirk Ludwig, Christian Munthe, Jonas Olson, Francesco Orsi, Herlinde Pauer-Studer, Ingmar Persson, Erik

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Many philosophers who hoped to contribute and pay tribute to the work of Egonsson, Petersson, and Rønnow-Rasmussen were unfortunately unable to participate in the present anthology. We would like to encourage them and anyone else that feels indebted to them to express their gratitude personally. While Egonsson, Petersson, and Rønnow-Rasmussen are likely to recommend that people keep their appreciation to themselves, our advice is that people do what we have done here and ignore their aversion toward attention and collegial sentimentality. Egonsson, Petersson, and Rønnow-Rasmussen have made themselves the fitting targets of attention—whether they desire it or not.