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# CHAPTER ONE

## Introduction

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This volume is a collection of papers selected from those presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Philosophy sponsored by the Athens Institute for Research and Education (ATINER), held in Athens, Greece at the St. George Lycabettus Hotel, from 27—30 May, 2013

This conference provides a singular opportunity for philosophers from all over the world to meet and share ideas with the aim of expanding the understanding of our discipline. Over the course of the conference thirty-eight papers were presented. The seventeen papers in this volume were selected for inclusion after a process of blind-review. The volume is organized along traditional lines. This should not, however, mislead a reader into supposing that the topics or approaches to problems fall neatly into traditional categories.

The papers chosen for inclusion give some sense of the variety of topics addressed at the conference. However, it would be impossible in an edited volume to ensure coverage of the full extent of diversity of the subject matter and approaches brought to the conference itself by the participants, some of whom could not travel to one another's home countries without enormous difficulty.

Since its inception in 2006, the conference has matured, reaching what might be seen as adolescence. Part of this maturity is reflected in the nature of the proceedings. We now have a group of dedicated philosophers who are committed to raising the standards of this publication; as a result of their work, we are now able to ensure that each submission is blind-reviewed by at least 2 readers, as well as the editor and/or a member of the Editorial Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their extraordinary work: without them, nothing would be possible; with them, we may reach adulthood!