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# CHAPTER ONE

## Introduction

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This volume is comprised of papers selected from the papers presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Philosophy sponsored by the Athens Institute for Research and Education (ATINER), held in Athens, Greece at the Titiana Hotel, from 26-29 May 2014.

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 fifty-five papers were presented. The fourteen papers in this volume were selected for inclusion after a process of blind-review. They 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. Since 2015 will be our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we look forward to announcing some changes in the way the papers are published, a change that will give the papers more impact.

As we move forward, the Editorial Board and the Board of Reviewers will continue to offer their advice and guidance in setting the direction of the conference and its efforts to make the work done by the participants available to increasingly wider audiences. Once again, I thank them for their extraordinary work.