

## PREFACE

In the last two decades the most important authors of Bulgarian studies in the philosophy of science - Professor Azarya Polikarov, Dr Sava Petrov, Dr Georgy Bratov, Dr Stoyan Nikolov, Dr Atanas Danailov, Dr Georgy Gargov, and Dr Nedyalko Merjanov - passed away prematurely. They were many-faceted human beings, whose originality expressed itself in many different ways. We dedicate this volume to the memory of our beloved and distinguished friends and colleagues.

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