

Preface

This volume includes some selected contributions from the conference *Trends in Logic XI*, which was held on 3–5 June 2012 at Ruhr University Bochum. The topic of the conference was *Advances in Philosophical Logic*, and indeed all the contributions (more than 80) proved to share two important features. First, they placed themselves in the methodology and topics that philosophical logic has developed in the last 20 years. Second, they pushed this methodology further: they attempted (quite successfully, in our opinion) at a solution to problems that indeed emerged from the last years of research on philosophical logic and widened the scope of application of philosophical logic to new topics and problems.

The conference proved an occasion for stimulating discussions, intellectual exchange, comparing and merging different views, reflecting on established methodology, and revealing perspectives on new directions. Also, it proved an incredible source of research outputs and results, which call for the livelihood of philosophical logic and the research in the area.

Eight out of the 12 invited papers were recently collected in *Studia Logica*'s special issue *Advances in Philosophical Logic*. In this volume, we present a selection of the contributed papers. All of them show the high quality of current research on philosophical logic and prove a good example of the interesting directions philosophical logic may take today. Last but not least, they seem to be persuasive proof that there is progress in something philosophical. Even if we confine to the latter, that is not a bad achievement at all! We are sure that the papers collected here will give the reader a flavor of the lively and stimulating atmosphere that the contributors and participants impressed at the conference.

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