Preface

The majority of contributions to this volume derive from papers presented at the 2012 workshop "Experts and Consensus in Economics and the Social Sciences" held at the University of Bayreuth, and organized by Carlo Martini, Marcel Boumans and Niels Gottschalk-Mazouz. The contributors to the workshop were Boumans, Maria Jimenez Buedo, Filip Buekens (with Fred Truyen), Frank den Butter (with Sjoerd ten Wolde), Robert Evans, Laszlo Kosolosky (with Jeroen Van Bouwel), Amir Konigsberg, Merel Lefevere (with Eric Schliesser), Martini, J.D. Trout, Aviezer Tucker, and Rafał Wierzchosławski. The 2-day workshop was a major success: the dialogue that ensued from the participants' presentations was so valuable that the authors felt the need to document that occasion in an edited volume, and to increase the number of participants in the on-paper discussion by inviting Roger Cooke and Julian Reiss to contribute. The result of these efforts is the present volume.

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