

# Preface

The first edition of this book, *The Vienna Circle*, that was published in 2001 with Springer (Wien-New York) is now out of print. I have thus decided to have this second edition published as a revised and abridged version in the series “Vienna Circle Institute Library” (Springer: Dordrecht-Heidelberg-London).

Another incentive was the first big exhibition on the Vienna Circle that will be taking place in the main building of the University of Vienna, which is celebrating its 650th anniversary this year.

The first three chapters on the prehistory of the Vienna Circle in the context of Austrian philosophy were omitted in this edition, while new research literature as well as primary sources were added. The core text was copyedited again in order to improve legibility. The bio-bibliographic parts have been revised and slightly reconfigured. The website of the Institute Vienna Circle—[www.univie.ac.at/ivc](http://www.univie.ac.at/ivc)—regularly provides further information on current research on the Vienna Circle/Logical Empiricism.

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