

## Preface and Acknowledgments

This collection originates from a series of three conferences under the auspices of the *Bucharest Colloquium in Analytic Philosophy*. The first took place in 2010, and it was called *The Actuality of the Early Analytic Philosophy*. It was followed in 2011 by *Frege's Philosophy of Mathematics and Language* and in 2012 by *Philosophy of Mathematics Today*.

Most of the papers in the volume were presented, in an earlier version, at one of these conferences; the remaining essays were specially commissioned. In putting together the present volume, I have kept the focus on the original idea of the first conference, namely the contemporary relevance of early analytic philosophy. Although the papers of this collection are mainly dedicated to a specialized public, familiar with the issues and methods of analytic philosophy, the volume is designed so that it can also serve as a useful companion for various introductory courses covering the origin and the evolution of the analytic tradition.

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