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## EDITORS' INTRODUCTION

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Preliminary versions of several of the papers in this issue – those by Jon Elster, John Roemer, and Robert Sugden – were presented at the Institute on Public Choice held at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in the summer of 1984. This three-week Institute offered an unusual opportunity for economists, philosophers, political scientists, and other interested scholars to meet together and explore one another's work. This affair was both an intellectual feast and a logistical feat, and great credit on both counts must go to Edward McClennen of Washington University, who organized and directed the Institute. We know that the authors represented here as well as the other participants benefited from the opportunity to discuss their work at the Institute. We are very glad to be able to include the final versions of these papers in the pages of this journal.