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This volume has its origins in a series of informal conversations that began between the coeditors at the Harvard Kennedy School in early 2016. There was a feeling at the time that democratic theory had come to an impasse in trying to account for new demands for democratization that outstripped the capacities of the nation-state to deliver, including in immigration, climate governance, and international trade and finance, and in domains ranging from the domestic workplace to the World Bank. The idea for a workshop was floated, and we soon assembled a stellar team of workshop organizers who met over the next few months: Danielle Allen, Archon Fung, Sean Gray, and Tomer Perry.

Given the ambitious scope of this project, we knew from the get-go that we needed the input and perspectives of a diverse team of leading scholars. We also knew that the format of our meetings had to be somewhat unconventional if we were going to genuinely break new ground. The strategy that we hit upon was to organize two in-person workshops – held approximately six months apart – so that our invited participants could submit shorter "think pieces" and receive feedback, before committing to a more substantial chapter-length contribution. In between these in-person meetings, we organized two online brainstorming sessions, with participants gathering in small thematic working groups. This had the bonus of ensuring the conversations and debates that emerged over the course of the workshops were captured in the papers that were eventually submitted, as our participants tested their ideas and arguments and learned from one another.

The first in-person workshop was held over two days at Harvard University in December 2016, and the second in-person workshop took place over two days in June 2017. We invited sixteen participants to develop papers: Joseph Carens, Thomas Christiano, Robert Goodin, Carol Gould, Sean Gray, Clarissa Hayward, Hélène Landemore, Melissa Lane, Terry Macdonald, Tomer Perry,

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Finally, the coeditors would like to dedicate this volume to the memory of James Bohman, whose extraordinary contributions to deliberative democracy and global political theory paved the way for rethinking the possibilities for democracy across borders. Jim would have been a contributor to this volume, and we continue to feel the loss of his friendship, wisdom, and kindness.

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