Preface

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This book was a long time in the making. It called for a great deal of tolerance on the part of my dear friends and colleagues, some of whom had written their contributions quite a while ago, in order finally to see our exchange through to publication. However, the plan for the volume kept changing as new chapters appeared that we wanted to include, and when all were finally in, it took me longer than I originally thought to come up with a proper reply. My only hope is that I have not completely failed in my attempt to do justice to the detailed critiques with which I was presented.

I owe a huge debt of gratitude for the honour and pleasure of having this volume appear in the series 'Critical Powers'. First of all, I am indebted to my critics – Teresa Bejan, John Horton, Chandran Kukathas, Patchen Markell, David Owen, Daniel Weinstock and Melissa Williams – for their brilliant pieces. Secondly, I am indebted to the editors of the series, Tony Laden, Peter Niesen and David Owen, who were so kind as to encourage me to do a second volume in the series, which in the meantime has moved to Manchester University Press.¹ David Owen in particular was the driving force behind all of this, for which I am extremely grateful to him. Caroline Wintersgill was generous enough to use her marvellous editing skills to make this a better book. And Ciaran Cronin was, as usual, the best and most perceptive translator one could wish for. Paul Kindermann, Felix Kämper and Amadeus Ulrich did a superb job in preparing the manuscript for publication.

Some of the chapters collected here go back to a conference on my work held at the University of York in June of 2011. It was organised by Matt Matravers and David Owen, and I am immensely grateful to them for their initiative and efforts. The Morrell Studies in Toleration Program at the University of York has been the most important centre

for the development of contemporary theories of toleration, and it was a great honour to have the opportunity to discuss my work there.

A few of the other chapters were written for a workshop on my work held at Rice University in Houston, Texas, in November 2015, which was organised by Christian Emden and Don Morrison and was sponsored by the Boniuk Institute. I am likewise extremely grateful to Christian and Don for that honour and for the inspiring discussions with the great colleagues they invited on that occasion.

I would like to dedicate this book to my dear friend Glen Newey, who tragically passed away in 2017. Glen was one of the greatest political philosophers of our generation, and his work on toleration, which he first developed at York, has set the standards for everyone else working in this field today. Our profession – and our lives, too – are so much the poorer without his voice, his brilliance and his irony.

Note

- 1 The first volume was published by Bloomsbury Press in 2014 under the title *Justice, Democracy and the Right to Justification* and contains articles by Amy Allen, Simon Caney, Eva Erman, Tony Laden, Kevin Olson and Andrea Sangiovanni.