

Preface

The present volume is a record of the lectures given at the conference *Truth, Necessity and Provability*, which was held in Leuven, Belgium, from 18 to 20 November 1999. Except for the paper by Shapiro, all papers included in this volume are based on lectures given at the conference.

On the one hand, the concept of truth is a major research subject in analytical philosophy. On the other hand, mathematical logicians have developed sophisticated logical theories of truth and the paradoxes. The aim of the conference out of which the present volume grew was to bring together prominent logicians and philosophers concerned with truth and the paradoxes. We wanted to promote a deeper interaction and collaboration between them than existed so far. The leading motivation was that recent developments in logical theories of the semantical paradoxes are highly relevant for philosophical research on the notion of truth and that, conversely, philosophical guidance is necessary for the development of logical theories of truth and the paradoxes.

The present volume is therefore intended both for analytical philosophers working on truth and for logicians who concern themselves with the paradoxes. The contributions in this volume present an overview of recent work that has been done on the interface between these two domains.

The amount of knowledge of analytical philosophy and of mathematical logic that is required for understanding the papers in this volume is of a quite modest level. Nevertheless, in order to make the contributions as accessible as possible both to analytical philosophers (graduate students and professional philosophers) and to logicians, the collection of papers is preceded by an extended introductory historical overview of the main results and tenets in philosophical and logical research on truth since the 1930s.

The papers have been grouped into three parts. We have opted for one cumulative bibliography at the end of the book.

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Note on the second edition

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