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Preface

This volume is the result of a longstanding cooperation between the editors and some of the contributors. Starting with a workshop on “Issues in Theoretical and Applied Ethics,” organized by Gunnar Scott Reinbacher and Jörg Zeller in 2011 in Klitgaarden, Denmark, the central topic of our shared discussion since then had quickly been found, namely, the controversial relation between debates and arguments in theoretical ethics and metaethics, on the one hand, and applied ethics, esp. medical ethics, on the other hand. Since then an edited volume based on this first workshop followed (Zeller, Jörg/Riis, Ole Preben/Nykänen, Hannes (eds.): *Issues in Theoretical and Applied Ethics*, Aalborg: Aalborg University Press) as well as two further workshops: “Applied Ethics and Applying Ethics,” organized by Michael Kühler and Jörg Zeller in 2013 in Münster, Germany, and “Theories of the Self and Respect for Autonomy in Palliative Care and End-of-Life Decisions,” organized by Veselin Mitrović and Michael Kühler in 2016 in Belgrade, Serbia. The latter workshop has been the starting point for the current volume, which contains a number of revised contributions to this workshop but also a number of additional contributions by other colleagues, thus joining our ongoing discussion.

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