The contributions to this forty-sixth volume of NOMOS center around a group of papers and commentaries first presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, which took place on December 27 and 28, 2001, in conjunction with a meeting of the American Philosophical Association’s Eastern Division, in Atlanta, Georgia. As in past years, the topic, “Political Exclusion and Domination,” was selected by ballot by the members of the ASPLP.

Danielle Allen, Martha Nussbaum, and James Tully presented the three principal papers at those sessions in Atlanta, and the commentators were Clifford Orwin and Catharine MacKinnon (on Allen), Dan Kahan and Sanford Levinson (on Nussbaum), and Michael Blake and Leif Wenar (on Tully). These were exceptionally lively and provocative sessions. Melissa Williams and I wish to extend our sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the meetings in Atlanta and to the present volume. The original paper givers and commentators have been patient and attentive throughout, as have those who contributed to the volume after the Atlanta meetings. We are delighted with the collection and believe that it illumines a wide range of important issues.

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