

Memorial Symposium for Bernard Hodgson

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The papers presented in this volume were initially read at a memorial symposium honoring the memory of Professor Bernard Hodgson. The symposium took place at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario March 25th and 26th 2010. Professor Hodgson, who had been a professor of Philosophy at Trent University and a member of the Trent Center for Theory, Culture, and Politics passed away unexpectedly while still teaching and pursuing his research. The initiative for organizing a memorial symposium was shared by Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Constantin Boundas, and Davide Panagia, holder of the Canada Chair in Cultural Studies. The Memorial symposium was sponsored by the Trent Center for Theory, Culture and Politics, the Canadian Research Chair in Cultural Studies, and the Trent Cultural Studies doctoral program. Financial assistance was provided by the President's Office, the Cultural Studies Department, the Politics Department, the Research Office, the Office of Graduate Studies, the Canada Research Chair in Cultural Studies, the Trent Center for Theory, Culture and Politics, and the Trent Philosophy Department.

After an opening tribute to Professor Hodgson, the symposium consisted of papers read by his colleagues of general philosophical interest. The papers chosen for this memorial publication focus on the philosophy of economics, which was a special research interest of the late Professor Hodgson. In one way or another, each paper speaks to an aspect of Professor Hodgson's works. Hodgson's paper here was edited by Dennis Badeen with the help of John Bishop and David Holdsworth.

Bernie's untimely death has left his friends and loved ones with a space in their hearts that only he could fill. Knowing him as we did, we are sure that he would be delighted with the collection that follows. He loved philosophical research and the exchange of ideas with other serious scholars. He was patient with the views of others and persistent in his search for wisdom, a fine philosopher through and through. Not only his memory remains with us, but also his work will continue to educate and inspire deeper analyses. We are fortunate to have had him around as long as we did and to have his most important work preserved in print.

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