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## INTRODUCTION

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This volume emerged from a strong belief that there should be a forum for the presentation of papers expressing the broad diversity of psychoanalytic methods, explorations, and understandings that reflect the membership of the Psychoanalytic Society.

*Psychoanalytic Reflections on Current Issues* represents the current and self-selected interests of the society. It, therefore, provides a compendium of the scope of psychoanalysis. The papers in this volume are heterogeneous. The volume is shaped less by the design of the editors than by the interests of those who elected to participate in the submission of contributions. The selected list of contributions is not arbitrary. The included selections are viewed as an entity that constitutes a rich sampling of the work of active investigators from a wide variety of psychoanalytic perspectives.

The purpose of this book is to stimulate further research and thought. The editors hope that the different orientations presented will help readers find points of intersection among the diverse theories and lead to the further integration of psychoanalytic theory and technique.

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