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A CHANGING MORAL CLIMATE



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Editorial Preface

Most contemporary philosophers recognize the unprecedented challenges that the phenomenon of climate change poses to our moral intuitions, our moral and political systems, our motivational springs, and our economic and legal paradigms. Some have attempted to provide comprehensive diagnoses of these challenges and to suggest conceptual angles from which to approach them. Most of the work produced by philosophers on various aspects of climate change (e.g. personal and institutional responsibility, justice, the claims of future generations, the fate of non-human nature, worst case scenarios, possible responses, the proper role of science) have been as stimulating as they have proven controversial. There is a growing and rich discussion on the topic, which this special volume of *Philosophy and Public Issues* wants to capture and disclose.

In the first part of the volume, Stephen Gardiner presents his recent *A Perfect Moral Storm: The Ethical Tragedy of Climate Change* (Oxford: Oxford University Press 2012), addressing questions by Rory Smead, Ronald Sandler, Christopher J. Presto, Dale Jamieson, Marcello di Paola and Gianfranco Pellgrino. In the second part, we host five papers critically engaging with

contemporary theories on the ethics climate change and effect of global warming for political philosophy.

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