

Preface

The book *The Relevance of Models. Idealization and Concretization in Leszek Nowak* by Giacomo Borbone was the first monograph in English devoted to Leszek Nowak (1943–2009) – a Polish philosopher, co-founder of Poznań School of Methodology and an author of the idealizational theory of science in the philosophy of science, the analytical reconstruction of Marxism, non-Marxian historical materialism in the philosophy of history, and negativistic unitarian metaphysics (on Nowak output and its impact, see: Brzeziński *et al.*, eds. 2007; Brzechczyn 2022, Brzechczyn, ed. 2022). The discussion on Borbone’s book focused mainly on Nowak’s research in methodology and philosophy of science, historical conditions of the rise of Poznań school and its reception in the world of philosophy. The online discussion was organized by the Faculty of Philosophy at Adam Mickiewicz University and the Poznań

Division of Polish Philosophical Society on Dezember 13, 2021.

The participants of discussion whom I would like to thank you for accepting my invitation and providing contributions were: Francesco Coniglione (Catania University, Italy), Adolfo Garcia de la Sienra (Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico), Igor Hanzel (Professor Emeritus at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia), Theo A.F. Kuipers (Professor Emeritus at Groningen University, The Netherlands), Stephen Turner (University of South Florida, USA), Rafał Paweł Wierzechoslawski (Faculty of History at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań), and the author of the book, Giacomo Borbone (Catania University) who responded to the remarks and comments.

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