LIBERALISM WITHOUT PERFECTION.
AN ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORK OF JONATHAN QUONG

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SUSRET SA DELOM DŽONATANA KVONGA

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The idea for publishing this collection of papers originated with Jonathan Quong’s visit to the symposium dedicated to his book Liberalism Without Perfection, held at the University of Rijeka, June 22nd and 23rd, 2012. The collection comprises texts by Ivan Cerovac (whose paper introduces the book to the reader perhaps not familiar with its subject), Andrew Lister and Enrico Zoffoli, who very kindly accepted the invitation for a contribution, along with Jonathan Quong’s replies, as well as papers by Enes Kulenović, Nebojša Zelić and Elvio Baccarini, all initially presented at the symposium in Rijeka.

There is no need to remark on the importance of Liberalism Without Perfection to the reader familiar with the current debates in political philosophy. In a symposium dedicated to this book published in Philosophy and Public Issues, Gerald Gaus wrote that Quong is “the leading Rawlsian political philosopher of his generation” – a sentiment I full-heartedly endorse. It is, therefore, a privilege and an honour to have the possibility to discuss the book with him. In addition to his intellectual merits, very well known in the world community of political philosophers, Quong was engaged in the discussions with kindness, patience and attentiveness in the symposium itself, and I would like to thank him for his generous and engaging support for the project.

I am also very grateful to all the authors who accepted the invitation to contribute to this symposium. It has been a great pleasure to cooperate with them in this undertaking and it is a great honour to have edited this collection of papers.

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