

## INTRODUCTION

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I was very flattered by Michael Wrigley's suggestion to edit a thematic issue of *Manuscrito* dedicated to my book *Logical Forms*. His idea was to promote in Brazil a certain kind of discussion that is common in the US and in other countries but that is not so common among us. We put together a list of people who could be asked to contribute and the project was on. Michael's untimely death last year was a great shock to all of his friends and colleagues. Although pursuing this project was a minor concern by comparison, I was glad that Marco Ruffino as new general editor of *Manuscrito* decided to go ahead with it and that Jairo José da Silva agreed to serve as editor of the volume in Michael's place. I am very grateful to both of them and to all the colleagues and friends who wrote comments on various aspects of my book. It is an honor to which I tried to correspond by writing detailed responses to their questions and criticisms. I did not address their praise, but needless to say I am very pleased by their expressions of appreciation for my work.

I wrote my replies individually and tried to make each of them self-contained in relation to the paper to which I was replying.

Inevitably though, some subjects came up in several of the papers and I did not want to repeat the same detailed explanations. What I did at the end was to add cross-references among the replies while avoiding making one reply depend for its intelligibility on another.

Throughout the replies I referred to Part I of *Logical Forms* as ‘my book’ or ‘the book’ and page references without any other indication are either references to it or to the paper to which I am replying, with the context determining which is which. In some of the replies I also referred to my paper “Descriptions: Frege and Russell Combined” (*Synthese*, 130, pp. 213-226, 2002) as ‘the *Synthese* paper’. Although I tried to follow the formatting instructions from *Manuscrito* for the bibliographical references there are some deviations from the norm – as is apparent from what I just said.

At the end of the volume I added a small list of errata for my book. It consists of simple mistakes that escaped my proofreading. There are more substantial corrections that I would make in a thorough revision of the book. Although this is not the place to do it, I refer as an example to the remarks about Tarski in p. 180 of my reply to John Corcoran.

For the benefit of people who are foreign to Brazilian ways I should explain that the (almost) universal system of calling people by their last name does not work here, and that we use first names, last names and nicknames in such a way that many people who are called by their first name are *never* called by their last name, and vice-versa. Thus, nobody in Brazil calls former president Fernando Henrique Cardoso by his last name ‘Cardoso’ or current president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva by his last name ‘da Silva’ – if one wants to be formal one uses the full name, as I just did. For this reason I could not get myself to address Jairo José da Silva as ‘da Silva’ or Luiz Carlos Pereira as ‘Pereira’. Since there are no contributors whom I could not address by their first name, my solution for the dilemma was to address everybody by their first name.

I want to thank my wife Siri Chateaubriand for going over my texts with an iron hand and red-marking the far too many places where I repeated myself, used convoluted sentences, showed undue emotion, etc. (I did manage to sneak back in a fair number of infelicitous constructions, however.)

It gave me a lot of pleasure to read the papers and to write my replies to them, and I am grateful to Michael for having initiated the project that gave me this opportunity. As a very small token of my appreciation for this, as well as for him as a friend, a colleague and a gentleman, I dedicate my participation in this volume to his memory.