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# Preface

This book seeks to address one of the most pressing issues of both international politics and the scholarly community, the dynamics of democratization. Its focus is the course of democratization itself and how that process has been analysed and explained. It arose from a general dissatisfaction with the orientation and focus of much of the theoretical literature dealing with this question, and it seeks to point the way to a theoretically more robust method of understanding this process. Its origin and development owes much to discussion with scholars from across the world, most importantly Australia, Europe, North America and Russia. They are too numerous to name, without the invidious result of omitting someone who should be included. My thanks to them generally and individually. However, I must single out Dr Roger Markwick, whose diligence, spark and enthusiasm has been an essential component of the effort which has produced this volume, and Rod Tiffen, who has been a fellow traveller on this journey of investigation from its beginning. I must also thank the Australian Research Council for funding this research, and the Department of Government at the University of Sydney for providing a congenial working environment. And finally, my thanks once again go to Heather, without whose love and support this would not have been possible.

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