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Preface

This volume has its distant origin in a conference held at the Fondation Hardt, in Vandoeuvres, Geneva on 22–4 March 2007. Two papers delivered on that occasion are not included here, A. Barchiesi's contribution, 'La Guerre sociale dans l'*Enéide* de Virgile: naissance d'un peuple', will appear as part of the published version of his 2011 Sather Lectures. M. Leigh's paper, 'Troy, Sicily and Rome: Vergil's Boxing Match and the Problem of Eryx', has appeared in *HSCPh* 105 (2010), 117–55 under the title, 'Boxing and Sacrifice in the Epic: Apollonius, Vergil, and Valerius'. The conference, which was generously sponsored by the Swiss National Science Foundation, the Société Académique de Genève, and the Faculty of Arts and the Department of Classics of the University of Geneva, was organized as one of the regular meetings of the 'Réseau international de recherche et de formation à la recherche dans le domaine de la poésie augustéenne', a research network which includes the following universities: Cambridge; Dublin (Trinity College) Florence; Geneva; Heidelberg; Lille; London (King's College); Oxford; Rome (La Sapienza); and Udine. The idea for the conference arose from discussions among the members which took place in the gardens of Corpus Christi College in Oxford, during an earlier meeting of the network held on 22–4 September 2005. Some of the papers read at that conference have now been published in a volume entitled *Paradox and the Marvellous in Augustan Literature and Culture* (Oxford, 2009), edited by P. Hardie. The papers of the previous meeting of the network, held in Heidelberg on 15–17 April 2004, were edited by J. P. Schwindt and published as *La Représentation du temps dans la poésie augustéenne* (Heidelberg, 2005). The topic chosen for the Geneva meeting arose directly from discussions concerning A. Gowing's *Empire and Memory: The Representation of the Roman Republic in Imperial Culture* (Cambridge, 2005). This book may be considered as a tribute to the richness of Gowing's work and as an attempt to follow through on one of the many ideas for further research arising from it. The editors would like to thank all those who did so much to make the Geneva conference such a pleasant and memorable occasion, especially colleagues at the University of Geneva and the staff at the Fondation Hardt, particularly Monica Brunner and Pierre Ducrey. Special thanks are of course due to the contributors to this volume and

to all those involved in the research network which gave rise to the conference in Geneva; without their expertise, their good will, and their patience, this collection of papers would never have been published. We would also like to thank all the staff at OUP for their constant help and endless patience, especially Hilary O'Shea, Taryn Das Neves, Kizzy Taylor-Richelieu and the anonymous readers. And so finally, with Propertius, we can say to all concerned (3.4.10):

ite et Romanae consulite historiae!

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