

CONTENTS

Part One

1. Introduction *Preston King* 3
2. Thinking Past a Problem *Preston King* 21

Part Two: Oakeshott

3. The Activity of Being an Historian *Michael Oakeshott* 69
4. Michael Oakeshott and Historical Particularism *Preston King* 96

Part Three: Collingwood

5. The Historical Logic of Question and Answer
R.G. Collingwood 135
6. On Collingwood's Philosophy of History *Leo Strauss* 153

Part Four: Lovejoy

7. The Study of the History of Ideas *A.O. Lovejoy* 179
8. On Lovejoy's Historiography *Maurice Mandelbaum* 198

Part Five: Strauss

9. Political Philosophy and History *Leo Strauss* 213
10. The Myth of the Tradition *John G. Gunnell* 233

Part Six: Skinner

11. Conventions and the Understanding of Speech Acts
Quentin Skinner 259
12. The Theory of Context and the Case of Hobbes
Preston King 285

Bibliography 316

Key to Journal Abbreviations 326

Index 327

Notes on Contributors 334