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PREFACE

This is a collection of some works of Polish philosophers and physicists on philosophical problems of time and spacetime. Without restricting the thematic scope of the papers, the issue concerning objectivity of time flow runs as a uniting thread through most of them. Partly it is discussed directly, and partly the authors focus on themes which are of paramount importance for one's attitude to that question.

In the first six papers the authors deal with their topics against the background of contemporary physics, its theories, its difficulties and discussed conjectures. For the paper of S. Snihur that background is provided by everyday world-outlook, and the author discusses the problem of existence and character of the future in the light of basic principles of classical logic. The paper of A. Półtawski, about the views of the outstanding polish philosopher Roman Ingarden, enriches the thematic scope of the collection introducing into it some questions from philosophical anthropology and ethics.