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Foreword

The initiative for this symposium on law and behavioral research came from Professor Manfred Rehbinder and Dr. Margaret Gruter, scholars of the law with a strong interest in the life and behavioral sciences. They joined forces in 1979 after independently realizing the impact this research could have on their specialty. When the Goethe Institute of San Francisco, was invited to cosponsor this event, I immediately accepted. The project found its ideal American Co-sponsor, thanks to the assistance of Dr. Harvey Wheeler and Professor Paul Bohannon, in the Hutchins Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

This publication is appearing simultaneously in the United States of America in English {edited by Margaret Gruter and Paul Bohannon} and in the Federal Republic of Germany {edited by Margaret Gruter and Manfred Rehbinder}. In the name of the Goethe Institute I would like to thank everyone whose scientific contributions and organizational assistance made this undertaking a success. I am certain that everyone involved in the symposium will agree with me in singling out the hard work and inexhaustible enthusiasm of Dr. Margaret Gruter for particular recognition. Without her there would not have been a symposium or this publication.

During the preparation of the symposium I was often asked what the Goethe Institute, as a general cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany, was doing in such a purely scientific undertaking. While it is true that the papers here are scientific, the topic under discussion is highly relevant, today more than ever, to pressing problems in the political and social reality of our nations. If the Goethe Institute is to live up to its declaration of purpose, which is "to promote international cultural cooperation," then inquiries like this book are a fundamental part of our work. I am extremely pleased and grateful that we were invited to assist in this undertaking.

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