



## Representation in Cognitive Science

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### (p.vii) Preface

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The book is in three parts: introduction, exposition, and defence. Part I is introductory and light on argument. Chapter 1 is about others' views. Chapter 2 is the framework for my own view. I don't rehearse well-known arguments but simply gesture at the literature. The aim is to demarcate the problem and motivate my own approach. Part II changes gear, into more standard philosophical mode. It aims to state my positive view precisely and to test it against a series of case studies from cognitive science. Part III engages more carefully with the existing literature, showing that the account developed in Part II can deal with important arguments made by previous researchers, and arguing that the framework put forward in Part I has been vindicated.

There is a paragraph-by-paragraph summary at the end of the book. Readers who want to go straight to a particular issue may find this a useful guide. It replaces the chapter summaries often found at the end of each chapter of a monograph. The bibliography lists the pages where I discuss each reference, so acts as a fine-grained index to particular issues. There is also the usual keyword index at the end. **(p.viii)**

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