

## *Preface*

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As co-authors of this book we are honored to have the book back in print, especially through the efforts of a distinguished British publisher. We are delighted to see the vigor and enthusiasm of contemporary debate in political science.

The idea for a sortition structure for the US House of Representatives—and our willingness to write a book on the subject—was a product of the times. We had both played a role in developing new ideas for the post-WWII baby-boom generation, being slightly older. We wanted to develop ideas about institutions that paralleled the exuberant efforts of the baby boomers to change society. Sortition fitted that need. We had the advantage of a common college curriculum: we both went to the University of Chicago, and we both studied *The People Shall Judge*, a compilation of the original documents of the founding citizens.

We had fun debating and writing the book. We hope that spirit lives on.

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