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## PREFACE

Life is a journey. This journey makes us meet with each other and the world which then becomes sprouting grounds for new collaborations and co-thinking. In January 2011, the co-editors of this volume Ananta and Su-Chen met in a seminar in Chennai on new horizons of cultural studies. We then continued our collaborative engagement and dialogues—Su-Chen contributing a chapter to a book on *Practical Spirituality and Human Development* that Ananta had edited. Then Ananta undertook a study of “Social Theory and Asian Dialogues: India, China and the Calling of Planetary Conversations,” which was supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. Ananta sought the help of Susan to co-edit this book, *Cross-Currents of Social Theorizing of Contemporary Taiwan: Self, Culture and Society* as part of this project. We both have nurtured this project for the last three years.

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