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## Preface and acknowledgements

This book is divided into five parts. Part I introduces the causal layered analysis methodology — its historical and conceptual context as well as research and workshop case studies. Part II presents essays (by Slaughter, Turnbull, Bussey, Graham and Canny, Kelly, and List) that compare CLA to other methods, as well as essays that use and locate layered analysis generally (Galtung, Shapiro, and Sardar); to some extent these predate CLA. The third part — and the largest section of the book — consists of case studies applying CLA in a wide range of areas, including, for example, genetic engineering, poverty, racism, globalisation, education, aviation, the global media, Japan, cities, and theories of intelligence (by Fricker, Milojević, Wildman, Gidley, Bussey, Kelly, Jones, May, Hill, White, Wright, Daffara, and Anthony). Part IV presents essays which constitute CLA as an evolving methodology (by de Simone, Ramos, and Russo). This section also includes a bibliographic narrative and a response to critics of CLA. The final part of the book includes charts, tables, and slides.

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