Preface

George Whalley, F.R.S.C., was for many years a distinguished member of the English Department at Queen's University, for eight of those years serving as Cappon Professor and Department Head. He was eminent in many fields – as critic, scholar, teacher, theorist, poet, biographer – the categories multiply. He was in fact a polymath whose keen and sensitive intelligence ranged widely. When the present symposium was first proposed, we were immediately aware of the enthusiastic interest that George Whalley would have had in such a project, so close to his central concerns. It is fitting, then, that this symposium should be dedicated to his memory.

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