Preface

This volume has had a long prehistory. In the academic year 1984–5, a group of some 20 individuals met recurrently in Toronto to discuss human rights and Canadian foreign policy. The group included academics and activists from non-governmental organizations involved in human rights issues. In addition to most of the contributors to this volume, Edward Appathurai, Christian Bay, Nibaldo Galleguillos, André Gombay, Bonnie Greene, and Moira Hutchinson actively participated. Those meetings culminated in a two-day conference on human rights and Canadian foreign policy in June 1985 which included the members of the original study group along with about 20 individuals we felt would be interested in and able to contribute to the discussion. The conference was so successful that we undertook to organize this volume.

The volume, to our pleasure and its own advantage, continues to reflect the participation of academics and activists. It is a fruitful and rewarding mode of collaboration that we are happy to recommend.

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