Contents

| | List of figures and table List of contributors Acknowledgements | vii viii xi |
|---|--|-------------------|
| | Introduction: The search for self-interest and the problems with its historicization CHRISTINE ZABEL | 1 |
| | RT I reating, inspiring, and calculating self-interest | 23 |
| 1 | Improvement, projecting, and self-interest in the Hartlib Circle, c. 1640-1660 TED MCCORMICK | 25 |
| 2 | Reckoning self-interest at the French revolutionary Comité des Finances CHRISTINE ZABEL | 44 |
| | RT II Iderstanding, teaching, and learning about self-interest | 71 |
| 3 | Commercial sociability and the management of self-interest in Isaac de Pinto's letter on card-playing KOEN STAPELBROEK | 73 |
| 4 | The concept of self-interest in eighteenth-century anthropology and economic theory: From Richard Cumberland to Adam Smith SIMONE DE ANGELIS | 95 |

| vi | Contents |
|----|----------|
| VI | Contents |

| 5 | The problem of embeddedness revisited: Self-interest as a challenge in ethnographic and historical research CHRISTOF DEJUNG | 117 |
|------|---|---------------|
| | RT III abodying, feeling, and practicing self-interest | 139 |
| 6 | Commercial desires in a web of interest: Dutch discourses on (self-)interest, 1600-1830 INGER LEEMANS | 141 |
| 7 | Practical knowledge of self-interest: The disembedding of agency in rural areas, eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries ULRICH PFISTER AND FRIEDERIKE SCHOLTEN-BUSCHHOFF | 164 |
| 8 | Pursuing self-interest: Stock market speculation in the ear twentieth-century United States DANIEL MENNING | ly 182 |
| ~~~~ | RT IV ming self-interest, self-interest as limitation | 201 |
| 9 | Interest as an enduring political problem in early modern France RAFE BLAUFARB | 203 |
| 10 | Self-interest, speculation, and gambling in nineteenth-century America CORNELIUS TORP | 221 |
| 11 | Against self-interest: The codification of "disinterestedness as an axiological operator in religion, aesthetics, and the ethics of intellectual professions GISÈLE SAPIRO | 3" 241 |
| | Bibliography Index | 261 285 |

Contents

| | List of figures and table List of contributors Acknowledgements | vii viii xi |
|----|--|-------------------|
| | Introduction: The search for self-interest and the problems with its historicization CHRISTINE ZABEL | 1 |
| - | ARTI | |
| Ci | reating, inspiring, and calculating self-interest | 23 |
| 1 | Improvement, projecting, and self-interest in the Hartlib Circle, c. 1640-1660 | 25 |
| | TED MCCORMICK | |
| 2 | | |

| Reckoning | self-interest at the French revolutionary | |
|-----------|---|--|
| ~ | T MARKET LLC TARFWED LT 1 TO TOP 1997 | |

44

71

73

Comite des Finances

CHRISTINE ZABEL

PART II

Understanding, teaching, and learning about self-interest

- 3 Commercial sociability and the management of self-interest in Isaac de Pinto's letter on card-playing KOEN STAPELBROEK
- 4
 The concept of self-interest in eighteenth-century anthropology and economic theory: From Richard Cumberland to Adam Smith
 95

 SIMONE DE ANGELIS
 95

