Two years ago I was searching the Web, looking for teaching materials in the intersection of computer security, policy, and privacy. To my pleasant surprise, I came across Ming Chow’s course on Security, Privacy, and Politics in the Computer Age, an experimental course he was teaching at Tufts University, Boston. Thrilled by this coincidence, I wrote to Ming and soon an exchange of e-mails followed. I sounded the idea of jointly editing a book on the topic with him. Unfortunately, time constraints precluded Ming from co-editing this book, and I ended up working on this project alone. I would like to use this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Ming. This book was inspired by his course at Tufts.

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