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During the symposium, 46 researchers from China, Serbia, and Japan attended. The discussions in the symposium and this book will contribute to deepen contemporary understandings of the logic and conception of history as a fundamental and contemporary issue for humanity. Historical research helps to link the past, present, and future in diverse ways and through diverse co-texts. Although we could address only a small range of topics in this symposium, the apparent contrasts and connections between them provide a good starting point for reflecting upon the logic and conception of history.

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