

Preface

This book is a collection of all the papers and the essay published in the special issue “Philosophy and Meaning in Life Vol.3,” *Journal of Philosophy of Life*, Vol.11, No.1, 2021, pp.1-154.

We held the Third International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life online at the University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK, on July 21–23, 2020. This conference was co-hosted by the Birmingham Centre for Philosophy of Religion, and the Waseda Institute of Life and Death Studies. We accepted about 50 presentations from around the world. Professor Lisa Bortolotti and I gave keynote lectures.

After the conference, we called for papers for publication from the speakers, and we accepted seven papers and an essay for the special issue of the *Journal of Philosophy of Life*. We would like to give special thanks to the anonymous referees who kindly reviewed the submitted manuscripts. The accepted papers deal with a variety of topics, such as the subjective/objective debate, narrative meaning, Simone de Beauvoir, and Alain Badiou, and they are all discussed from the perspective of the philosophy of meaning in life.

In 2020, we faced the COVID-19 pandemic, and we had to give up our face-to-face meeting at the University of Birmingham. Professor Yujin Nagasawa, the chair of the conference, and supporting staff members bravely decided to hold the conference online, and with the help of their devotion we were able to hold the three–day meeting successfully. I would like to sincerely thank them for their contributions.

As the editor-in-chief, I hope that readers will enjoy the stimulating papers in this volume.

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