

FOREWORD

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According to the organizers, Professor Thomas Schoenbaum of the University of Georgia and Professor Junji Nakagawa of the University of Tokyo, the symposium was intended to analyze the complex and often difficult economic relations between two of the world's economic superpowers, and to evaluate the methods used by their governments to prevent and resolve disputes. The articles and essays, or earlier versions thereof, were presented to symposium participants at a session in Washington, D.C. in April 1997 and at a second meeting in Tokyo, Japan in March 1998. They reflect a broad diversity of issues and viewpoints, discussing both historical controversies and recent disputes.

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