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Should professional historians maintain their independence and objectivity as researchers, or should they address the social use of their field? Are there fundamental conflicts between the two? Do environmental or ecological historians need to become more useful and practical in addressing such global problems as climate change, intensified food production, and biodiversity loss? If so, how and to what extent? What significant insights can our study of the past offer?

These questions formed the foundation of a roundtable forum published in the first issue of the new **Journal for Ecological History**, edited by Renmin University's **Center for Ecological History**. Our new blog series on "The Uses of Environmental History," which launches later this week, has been adapted from the pieces presented there. Together,

these contributions demarcate the evolution of environmental history over the last four decades and project a broader outlook for its future.

Stay tuned!