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We were honored to have as invited speakers Robert J. Gordon (Northwestern University), Kevin D. Hoover (Duke University), Robert Leonard (Université du Québec à Montréal), D. Wade Hands (University of Puget Sound), Philip Mirowski (University of Notre Dame), and Michel De Vroey (Université Catholique de Louvain), in addition to Pedro Garcia Duarte (FEA-USP). As discussants we were very pleased to have Ana Maria Bianchi (FEA-USP), David Dequech (Unicamp), Eleutério da Silva Prado (FEA-USP), Fabio Barbieri (Department of Economics at Ribeirão Preto, FEARP-USP), Franklin Serrano (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, UFRJ), Gilberto Tadeu Lima (FEA-USP), José Raymundo Chippin (FEA-USP), Mauro Boianovsky (University of Brasília, UnB), Raul Cristóvão dos Santos (FEA-USP), and Roberta Muramatsu (Mackenzie University and Insper). We were also delighted to have Professor João Sayad (FEA-USP) giving the opening remarks.

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