Epilogue

In a way, many centuries ago, China found a direction for the humanities. Here I quote the answer that was found by a Humanistic scholar approximately a millennium ago:

为生民立命
为天地立心
为圣贤继绝学
为万世开太平
为世界建联盟

To give people’s lives purpose
To guide the heart of heaven and earth
To choose the classics for the intelligentsia
To set the world on a path toward great peace
To establish common ground in the world

- 张载 [Zhāng Zǎi] of the Northern Sòng Dynasty

Finding a new direction in putting this ideal into practice must always be the role of scholars in the Humanities.

1. This was translated by the editor.