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Lee and Juliet Folger Fund Professor of History at Harvard/ UniversityProfessor of the Edwin O. Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies at Harvard University

Third (2021)



Dr. Jean-Noël Robert

Professor of Collège de France

Fourth (2022)



Dr. Josef Kreiner

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