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In light of the present reappraisals of the nature and purpose of both philosophy in general and economic philosophy in particular, it is of great importance to review major events in this historical development in the interdependence of economics and metaphysics. We would not urge one specific interpretation of "metaphysics," but would give room to different "first philosophies" and "Weltanschauungen," to analytically oriented descriptive and revisionary metaphysics, and pre-Kantian as well as to post-Kantian approaches.

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