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The issue presents also the reviews of interesting positions on the editorial market, one of which covers the subject of europeanization and EU impact on domestic actors, and another, concerning European cultural history.

We hope that this volume will be warmly received and you will enjoy reading it.