SOME PROBLEMS OF GERMAN HISTORICAL
SCIENCE AND STATE

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It is well known that since Ranke, a forerunner, history has maintained approach and relation with politics in the genealogy of German history. In this thesis, I studying the "concept of state" appeared in Friedrich Meinecke's historical thoughts and that of Gerhard Ritter, try to discuss how the problems concerning state and politics are treated and solved in the history of German thoughts, and also want to present his personal views in the conclusion.

Therefore in the preface, I explain the characteristics of his theme and the essentials of the problem. In the Chapter I, I trace the historical development of German history and state its' relation with German Romanticism, and discuss the process of the development in the 19th century, and the characteristics of the each stage till Meinecke. In the Chapter II, I study the life and character of Meinecke, then in the Chapter III, discuss the problem of understanding of "the concept of state" in Meinecke's historical thought, taking up some of his articles. And in the Chapter IV, quoting some works of G. Ritter, who is a prominent figure in the contemporary West German historical world and who is also regarded to be a successor of the traditional German historical spirit, I observe his viewpoint concerning politics and state.

In conclusion, I add some of my personal opinion about state and politics.