

## Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of *Amity Journal of Economics*. The journal promotes leading advances in the broad area of economics including inter-disciplinary research to become a medium for research on economic problems and provide a forum for original thinking and investigations about the economies of the world. It aims to bring together academicians, corporate practitioners and research scholars from across the world to delve on the deeper economic issues that impact the society and to contribute scholarly articles for enhancement of economics concepts.

The research papers selected for the first issue are diverse ranging from evaluation of public policies, international finance, economic growth, education and environmental issues.

The journal starts with development economics. The first research paper focuses on the National Health Insurance Program – *Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana*, and examines whether the benefits of the program have reached the poorest of the poor. Later in the journal, another sub-section of development economics, sanitation has been discussed, by measuring the unequal distribution of sanitation amenities, like, latrine and drainage in West Bengal, India and stressing on the importance of *urban local bodies* in ensuring equitable distribution of resources. International finance and bilateral trade formed the part of the journal through research paper on exchange rate movements and industries trade between Indonesia and China. The study applied Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) approach to investigate the short- and long-run effects to exchange rate on disaggregated 22 export and import industries using data from 1998 to 2014. This is followed by a research paper on international portfolio diversification by the point-of-view of British investors.

Economic growth was addressed by the research paper on the importance of port infrastructure development. The study measures the growth of cargo traffic and finds the impact of economic growth indicators on cargo traffic handled by the selected ports in India. This is followed by a research paper addressing the worldwide goal of United Nations of *Education for All*. Here the focus is primary education in India and the paper forecasted the enrolment of students in primary schools in India for 2020 and also estimated the teachers required for these students.

The increasing important area of environment was brought out by a research paper on sustainable development and low carbon green growth strategies in mega cities. In this research paper, Kolkata, India, was studied as a mega city and sustainable green growth strategies were suggested. The journal ends with a book review on *Ecological Economics*, where the author discussed this as a transdisciplinary field that integrates economics with ecology.

We thank our esteemed Editorial Advisory Board, Editorial Board and Editorial Review Board for their constant guidance and their high-quality review which helped us create this journal par excellence. We also take this opportunity to thank the authors who have shown immense faith and contributed their research papers to *Amity Journal of Economics*. We also invite suggestions from our readers to further improve the quality and the content of the journal.

We hope that you would appreciate and enjoy the journal as much we were delighted to develop it.

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