

## Foreword

Dear Readers,

Welcome back to issue 2 of the UJE.

What an extraordinary year it has been, marked by growth, exploration, and the relentless pursuit of knowledge.

This year, we're delighted to present a series of thought-provoking articles from our peers around the world. It is an honour to announce that we received submissions from four countries - the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Spain, and India. The global reach of our journal is expanding, fostering a truly international dialogue in the field of economics.

We received 30 submissions in total, 11 were selected for peer review, and 8 papers have ultimately been included in issue 2 of the UJE. This speaks to the continuing global reach of the journal and increasing calibre of research we are privileged to showcase in the UJE.

Our journey this year has been marked by transitions and transformations. We welcomed a new editorial board, comprised of undergraduate editors who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence. This team of passionate individuals has not only maintained the high standards set by our inaugural issue but has strived to raise the bar, ensuring that each paper published here is a testament to the pursuit of knowledge and the art of scholarly exploration.

Behind the scenes, our team of 12 diligent peer reviewers worked tirelessly to uphold the rigorous academic standards that define the UJE. Their expertise, commitment, and invaluable feedback have played a pivotal role in shaping the content of this issue.

As I pen this foreword, I am reminded that this is the last time I will have the privilege of addressing you in this capacity. I am truly grateful for the incredible experiences, challenges, and triumphs that this journal has brought into my life. The UJE has truly been a labor of love, and I am deeply thankful for every moment of this journey.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the authors who have contributed to this issue. Your dedication to advancing the field of economics is an inspiration to us all, and I have no doubt that your work will continue to make a meaningful impact.

I would like to give my thanks to Isabelle, Suraj and Rasmus for not only their efforts and commitment to the journal but also for their friendship and company this last year. I wish the incoming Director, Phin Godfrey success during his tenure and have no doubt he will raise the journal to new heights.

Our mission of fostering undergraduate research in economics remains as vital as ever, and with each passing issue, we reinforce our commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and discovery.

Thank you, dear readers, for joining us on this incredible journey. As we continue to evolve and grow, I have no doubt that the UJE will remain a beacon of academic excellence and a testament to the incredible potential of undergraduate scholarship.

With heartfelt gratitude and best wishes, I sign off for the last time.

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