

A Welcome from the Outgoing Director

Dear Reader,

Please see inside for the third issue of the UCL Journal of Economics. We're incredibly proud to present this collection of outstanding papers on a diverse range of topics, produced by authors from across the world and from many different universities.

It's amazing to see the UJE, about to enter its fourth year, become a stable fixture in the student research community at UCL and beyond. This demonstrates the continuing appetite from students to pursue their curiosity and produce their own research, which the founding mission of this journal is to provide a home for. In expanding our student outreach activities over the past year, we hope that we have inspired students to conduct research who would not have done so otherwise.

One of my main reflections from my time as director is the realisation of the amount of people it takes to produce the UJE, especially as the number of submissions has grown. As the size of the team has grown, I feel that this has helped build a community where students and faculty can collaborate to improve the student experience and students can more easily be supported in their research.

In particular, I'd like to thank:

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