

A Welcome from the Outgoing Director

Dear Reader,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the fourth issue of the UCL Journal of Economics. This year's collection once again showcases outstanding student research from across the world, covering a wide range of economic topics and perspectives. It highlights the impressive work of students who have taken their ideas beyond lectures and transformed them into high-quality research.

As the UJE enters its fifth year, it is remarkable to see how much the journal has matured into a vibrant and collaborative platform. The dedication of our editorial and peer review teams has been instrumental in maintaining the high standards that define the journal. Beyond publication, the journal has also expanded its presence through outreach initiatives, including workshops, Explore Econ sessions, and new opportunities for students to engage with research more actively. Looking back on my time as Director, what stands out most is the collective effort that makes the UJE possible. From authors and reviewers to editors and our advisory board, the journal thrives because of the hard work, intellectual curiosity, and generosity of so many people.

In particular, I would like to thank our advisory board, Professor Parama Chaudhury, Dr. Ramin Nassehi, and Dr. Silvia dal Bianco, whose support and guidance have been invaluable. I would also like to thank our peer review team, whose insight and rigour have ensured the quality of every paper in this issue, as well as our editorial and executive team, whose commitment and teamwork have been essential in bringing this issue to life, including our senior team of Caleb Tan, Kavya Krishnan, and Anya Gray. And above all, I must thank our authors (including, I should admit, myself, though I promise the editorial team didn't give me any special treatment, and the peer reviewers certainly didn't go easy on their comments!).

It has been a privilege to serve as Director and to work alongside such a talented and dedicated group of people. I am confident that the journal will continue to grow in scope and impact in the years ahead. I wish the incoming team the very best of luck, particularly Kavya Krishnan, who will be taking over as Director.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we have enjoyed preparing it.

Emily Glezer

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