

A Note from the Incoming Director

I am excited to take on the role of Director of the UCL Journal of Economics, following in Kavya Krishnan's footsteps. I was fortunate to work with Kavya over the past year, and the commitment she brought to the role was truly inspiring. I am extremely honoured to lead a journal that is a home to remarkable economic research.

I first encountered the UJE during my first year, and I was instantly fascinated by its engagement with undergraduate students. Today's students will soon become tomorrow's leaders, making it incredibly important to provide spaces where we can develop critical research skills. Particularly in a climate where information is available at our fingertips, avenues that support evidence-based student research are a necessity. The UJE provides an opportunity for students to showcase their work and contribute to meaningful academic discussions.

This issue covers a range of exciting topics, and I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to work on it. As you read through this issue, I hope you feel inspired to explore questions that interest you and seek answers through research. Research should inspire engagement and discussion, and I would warmly welcome emails from anyone who wishes to discuss any of the ideas presented in this issue.

The year ahead offers many exciting opportunities for students to get involved with us, whether by submitting their work or joining us at our in-person events. I look forward to ensuring that the UJE continues to be a forum for discussion, enquiry, and the exchange of ideas.

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