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I am delighted to introduce the second issue of Volume 28 of the Studies in Business and Economics Journal. This issue not only assembles a selection of scholarly contributions that, although diverse in scope, method, and geography, jointly deepen our understanding of the complex ways in which economic development processes are interconnected, but also completes a 20 year publication journey for the SBE.

The scholarly contributions within this issue range from analytical depth to methodological complexity, addressing and investigating contemporary issues and emerging trends within the fields of business and economics. These scholarly contributions, by combining theoretical reflections with empirical research, highlight the SBE journal's ongoing engagement in linking academic scholarship and real-world relevance and policy impact.

On behalf of my editorial team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our authors for their valuable contributions to research, and peer reviewers for their rigorous and constructive evaluation of works submitted for publication, as well as the members of the editorial board who continue to work relentlessly in maintaining the journal's academic quality standards. Together, they ensure each published issue is true to the journal's integrity and quality.

It is our hope that the research offered in this SBE volume will both inspire future research on global social change and facilitate stimulating dialogue between researchers, professionals, and policymakers.

Thank you for your continued engagement with the journal.

Yours sincerely,

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