

Editors' Note

This issue marks a new start in the life of *The Journal of European Economic History*.

Starting from this issue, in fact, the *Journal* is owned by the University of Udine, Italy, and published by its editorial arm, Forum editrice, under the leadership of a new Board of Editors, formed in continuity with the history of the *Journal*, along with a partly renewed International Advisory Board and Editorial Board. Also, a newly-formed Editorial Office supports the operations of the *Journal*.

We wish in the first place to thank the Chancellor the University of Udine, professor Angelo Montanari; all the members of the Board of Forum editrice; and, of course, old and new members of our two Boards for their continued support and trust. We, as Board of Editors, will work to facilitate the dialogue among the owner, the publisher, and the different stakeholders of the *Journal*, including the international community of scholars and readers to whom the *Journal* and ourselves belong.

At this moment, our thoughts go to the founders of the *Journal*, professor Luigi De Rosa and professor Peter Mathias, whom more than half a century ago, in 1972, initiated this venture to facilitate the dialogue on – and the study of – Europe's economic history, view both in its unity and its units (areas, countries, and regions etc.). The *Journal* will continue to pursue its editorial mission by hosting original contributions on diverse topics in Economic History open to methodological pluralism.

The *Journal* has now a rather long history. And quite naturally, it has gone through different moments and phases since its birth. Recently, after the years of the Great Recession and those of the pandemic, it rounded forty (2012) and then fifty years of age (2022). In these latter years – marked by adjustment

and transition – the *Journal* could rely on the advise and guidance of professor Paolo Guerrieri, who served as Editor for 14 years (2012-2026) and to whom we express our gratitude.

At the same time, we wish to express our gratitude to ABI, the Italian Banking Association, for sustaining the *Journal* over the same period of time, following a tradition of support by the Italian banking system, initiated by the Bank of Rome in 1972, and followed by Capitalia, and then Unicredit. This long tradition finds today a new farsighted interpreter in BCC CrediFriuli who committed to support this continued venture and to whom we are also grateful.

We hope to be worthy of the *Journal's* history, of its founders, and of its readers.

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