Editorial

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This issue of Environmental and Resource Economics marks a new departure for the journal with the introduction of a Themed Issue. Intended as a forum for rapid publication of typically just a small number of tightly focussed papers on key contemporary themes, these are intended to supplement rather than replace the strong list of Special Issues which the journal has developed over the years.

We have chosen the topic of “Advances in the Theory and Practice of Environmental Accounting” for this inaugural Themed Issue. It opens with a paper from EAERE President-Elect, Sir Partha Dasgupta entitled “The Welfare Economic Theory of Green National Accounts”. This is followed by “Accounting for Ecosystems” by Karl-Göran Mäler, Sara Aniyar and Åsa Jansson. The Themed Issue concludes with “Wealth Accounting, Exhaustible Resources and Social Welfare” by Kirk Hamilton and Giovanni Ruta.

While it is anticipated that Themed Issues will only form an occasional element of the journal’s output, we hope that these will provide a new and interesting forum for debate.

This issue also sees a return of book reviews under our new Book Review Editor, Roy Brouwer. We will seek to select key volumes that are felt to be of particular interest to readers and Roy welcomes feedback regarding this initiative.

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