

counterproductive and lead to catastrophic results, as did the spurious oil shortage in the seventies, which rocked the world economy and helped to produce the debt crisis. It is therefore of crucial importance that such interdisciplinary discussion among scientists is continued to serve as a contraweight to popular exaggerations. In many cases, several authors have dealt with the same problem and the reader can compare their factual information and different, sometimes contradictory, arguments. But this is made very difficult by the lack of a good, comprehensive subject index, a serious omission in a book of this type.

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Erratum

An unfortunate error crept into the *Book reviews* in the last issue of the *European Journal of Population* (Vol. 8, No. 3). In the review by Nathan Keyfitz of *Conséquences de la croissance démographique rapide dans les pays en développement* by Tapinos et al., “a tautology arithmetically as ironical as $I = PAT$ ” (p. 266, eight lines from the bottom) should read, “a tautology arithmetically as ironclad as $I = PAT$ ”.