Editorial Note

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Although much overdue, we the Editors in Chief wish to notify our readership that in late 2018, Rosanne Altshuler stepped down as one of our two Policy Watch editors. We thank Rosanne for her contributions and hope she will forgive our tardiness in saying so publicly. On the same topic, we wish to belatedly welcome David Agrawal to the vacancy that Rosanne created. He joins Alberto Solé-Ollé as one of the two people working as Policy Watch editor. We appreciate the work that David, Alberto, and Rosanne have done to manage a smooth transition.

The Policy Watch editors fulfill two roles within the journal. First, they occasionally handle papers for the regular section of the journal when the submission is close to their area of expertise. Second, their predominant role is guiding the Policy Watch section of the journal. The purpose of this section is to act as a forum for “think pieces,” that is, as a venue for expressing big ideas about topics of interest to those working in public finance. The ideal Policy Watch publication is one that can be of use to those in academia and the real world (including policy makers and those implementing and complying with policy). These ideas can cover how we think about the key data commonly used in research, provide discussion on the direction of policy and its appropriateness, and review the literature in ways that highlight where research is most urgently needed. With that in mind, a Policy Watch paper is about inspiring thought, debate, and research by providing a solid background for those breaking into an area while breaking new ground for future discussion.

Sometimes, these papers come from unsolicited submissions. Just as often, however, they arise by our Policy Watch editors seeking out authors who they believe can provide the type of informed and provocative discussion the section aims for. Thus, the Policy Watch role requires the editors to have their finger on the pulse in terms of topics and experts. With those needs in mind, the Policy Watch editorial role is a demanding one and we thank Alberto and David, as well as those who filled the role before them, for their efforts.

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Beyond these changes, we have recently revised our Associate Editorial Board. We welcome Panos Hatzipanayotou (Athens), Paola Profeta (Bocconi), Mirco Tonin (Bolzen-Bolzano), Michael Vlassopoulos (Southampton), and Caroline Weber (University of Washington) to the Board. We also wish to thank Kory Kroft who is stepping down from the Board.

Finally, we want to thank all of you. This journal depends on the contributions everyone makes in terms of submitting their high-quality research, acting as referees, and working as engaged scholars who use what we publish to inform the academic and policy debates that surround public economics. We hope that *International Tax and Public Finance* continues to contribute positively toward that goal.

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