Introduction by the Editor-in-Chief

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When I first envisioned the *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy* (JERP), I struggled with finding a proper title to capture and express what I and Springer International Publishing had in mind. The first iteration had a working title of the International Journal of Economics, Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Language, Culture, Religion, Dialect, Nationality, Tribal, and Political Differences. This unwieldy title obviously was never practical or efficient but did capture the broad nature of what the essence of the journal would be.

There is a space at the intersection of economics, sociology, political science, public policy, and other fields for such a journal to apply rigorous tools of analysis to economic differences that exist among people across the globe. That answers the question “why another journal?” We envisioned scholarly input that could be both theoretical or empirical that helped move conversations toward finding practical solutions to

issues impacting the human condition from all parts of the world.

The measure of success for such an endeavor will be the quality of the inputs from scholars who share the vision that interdisciplinary work, such as what is contained in JERP, is needed. As with this first issue, we invite book reviews that fit within the aims and scope of the journal. Scholars will have the opportunity, and be encouraged, to produce outstanding special issues that will highlight problems and solutions that policy makers can readily apply.

Launching a new journal is never easy. Launching a new journal with such an ambitious mission is even more difficult. This first issue and those that will follow are a testament to the dedication and commitment to the highest standards of excellence of the editorial board, Springer International Publishing, and conscientious and exacting scholars.

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